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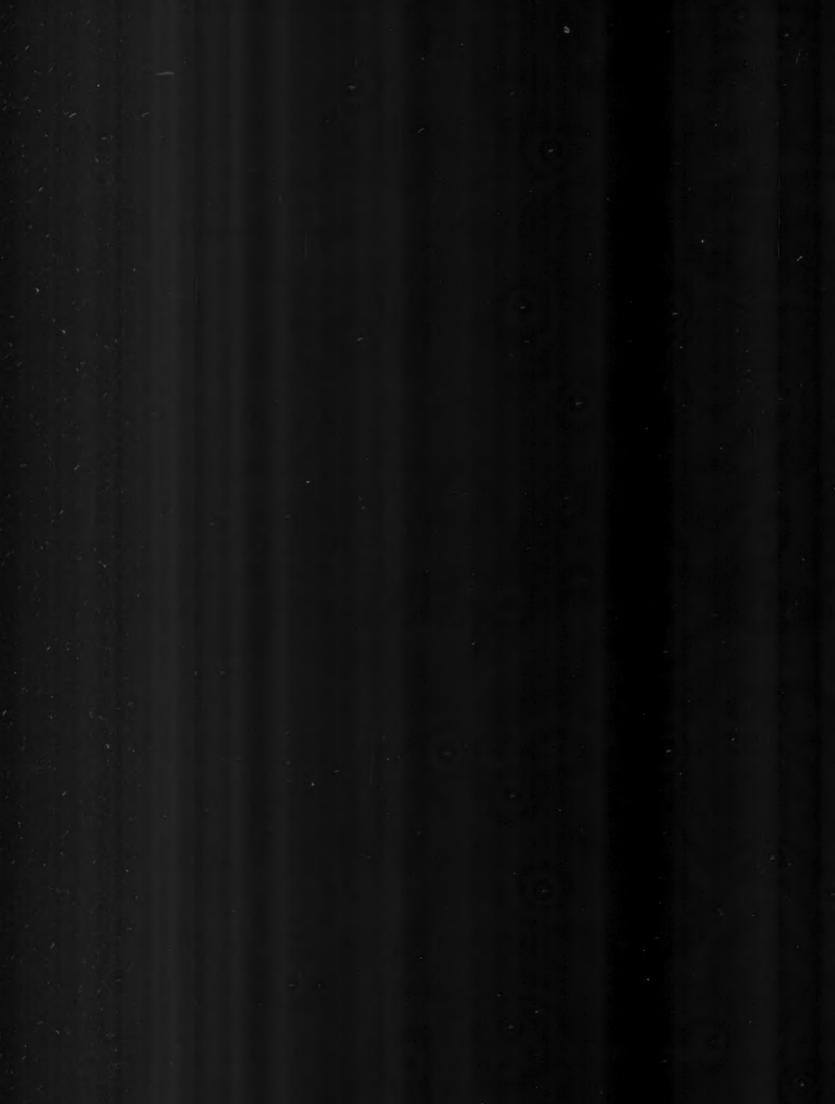
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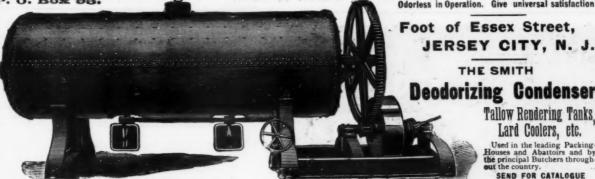
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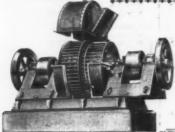
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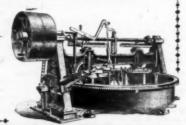
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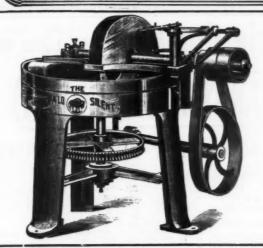


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THE COURT OF INOUIRY.

Although it is but a few days since the Army Court of Inquiry began to probe the value of General Miles' famous charges, enough has been brought out to reduce the newspaper sensation of "embalmed beef" to actually nothing. The bombastic Major General Commanding had to admit that he had simply accepted, without any investigation whatever, equally careless statements of a Pittsburg Chief Surgeon, who in turn had to admit that he had seen a few quarters of beef which he imagined belonged to the regular rations, and which he carelessly tasted and not less carelessly criticized in a report, the very date of which he admitted to have been doctored. It would, indeed, be absurdly ridiculous, if it were not sadly humiliating for the whole nation, that a commanding general based on such statements his public wholesale condemnation of refrigerated beef as "embalmed."

No wonder that General Miles, when for the first time sworn, had to repudiate nearly all he had formerly paraded in newspaper interviews and before the War Investigating Commission. His repentance, however, of former reckless insinuations, especially of that most infamous suggestion of "pretences of an experiment," comes much too late for his own reputation as a soldier and as a gentleman. Unfortunately it is also very late for the credit of the most important American industry, which at a critical time was recklessly assailed by a presumably responsible person of the highest military rank. The prompt and apparently vigorous action of the Court of Inquiry in at once tearing away the nets of falsehoods so maliciously woven around American products may prevent irreparable harm, but it will never undo the serious damage caused by a sensational general and his thoughtless followers.

The difficult problem of feeding an army in a tropical climate in the face of the enemy and without a possibility of transportation of supplies overland was certainly not satisfactorily solved at its very first appearance in history, during the gloriously short campaign at Santiago. That it was pre-eminently an army of Volunteers, and that not a small portion of staff officers consisted of totally inexperienced and often equally incompetent favorites, increased the difficulties of the problem immensely. We are, therefore, not astonished to hear witnesses state before the Court of Inquiry that the same refrigerated beef which was a treat in Tampa, was unsatisfactory in Cuba, because it was spoiled before the men received it, yea, that it was, in the camp, dumped right on the polluted ground over which the troops and Cubans had trod! Nothing, however, absolutely nothing, justified the epithet "embalmed," which a superficial surgeon invented and a sensational general used as welcome claptrap.

AS TO FOOD PRESERVATIVES.

Nostrums! That is the general name under which doctors class all patent medicines. But no sincere physician will assert that all "nostrums" are dangerous, or even valueless as remedies. If a medical practitioner refuses to prescribe a patent medicine because he does not know its ingredients his position is readily understood. But if he condemns it as injurious because he does not know its formula, he is illogical. Some patent nostrums are on the formulæ of regular physicians, while the worst that can be said of others is that they are harmless, valueless, and worthless; a fraud upon the purse of the patient. Most of them are harmful. As to many so-called food preservatives, antiseptics and disinfectants, there are good, bad and indifferent ones.

Many people see a lurking evil or a positive danger under a name which they do not understand, or in a compound whose formula is not revealed to them. Brine, as a curer of meats, is generally considered harmless. It is used in corning meats, and in curing meats. Molasses is also a helpful agent. Both are generally accepted as not being injurious to health. Would they be greater terrors under the convenient trade name of "Cure-em" than under the longer name of "Brine and Molasses Solution?" To condemn two harmless ingredients as being dangerous because they were not recognized under the shorter term "Cure-em" would be unjust and senseless. Yet many good people do this. Either molasses or brine separately or combined can be used in many foods as a preservative, Sugar and molasses are favorite ingredients. In preserving corned meats they are used. In nearly all condensed milks sugar is used largely. It is a preservative. In Germany many food preservatives contain ammonia. There are other harmless drugs.

An indiscriminate agitation against food preservatives, and for legislation to prevent the use of any ingredient which will prolong the life of perishable goods like vegetables, fish, fruits, butter, milk, cream, cheese, etc.. without injury to the human system is wrong.

In saying this we do not include dangerous acids nor poisonous chemicals as such. Without a preventive the chemical change which takes place in milk and other products would be more dangerous than the harmless chemicals which are put into them.

Instead of hitting blindly at a substance and its unknown quantities by preventing, by legislation, the use whatever of any substance, we think that a commission of chemists might decide what chemicals are injurious and in what quantities. Then let the legislature of each State or any properly empowered authority prohibit the use of any such chemical in or on human food. Every feed preservative which comes upon the market could then be examined for the prohibited chemical and the prohibited quantities, and exclude it from use. Examine the preservative for its dangerous ingredients. If found, prohibit its sale. That seems to us to be the We take the same position as proper course. to patent medicines.

GERMAN MEAT INSPECTION.

Unless the "embalmed beef" sensation furnished new strength to its older worthy brother, the "trichinae" scare, American exporters may reasonably hope for an early satisfactory regulation of our foreign trade in meat and provisions. The new German meat inspection bill, now before the Diet, appears to remove most of the existing difficulties and to establish conditions, at least for some time, which will permit American products to travel on their merits. This, after all, is all the American producer desires. It must not be overlooked that Germany acts as the leader of the Continent and that her policy, as in the past, will also in the future be followed by all, or at least most of the Continental powers. Principally from that standpoint The National Provisioner devoted so much attention and care to this latest phase of our commercial relations with Germany.

Americans notice with satisfaction that the Agrarian party, which since 1883 has caused so much trouble to our exports of meat and provisions, is evidently dissatisfied with the new bill. On Feb. 18, their leading organ, the "Deutsche Tageszeitung," remarked, editorially:

"The Reichstag will find it difficult to put the wholly inadequate Meat Inspection bill into acceptable shape. All who regard the new departure of favoring foreign countries, especially the United States, as incompatible with the interests of the German people, must unite in a demand for its rejection."

Cable dispatches of this day report that the Agrarians as a body protest vehemently against the bill. The German Emperor, however, and his gifted leader of the Foreign Office, von Bulow, are determined to maintain most friendly diplomatic relations with the United States and therefore, as friendly commercial relations as possible. Strong and active as the supporters of the Agrarian doctrines are, the parliamentary decision will finally rest with the Centrists, who are ready to adopt the bill as submitted by the Government with an amendment calling for German meat inspectors to be appointed for our great meat exporting centers, like Chicago, and Kansas City, to examine all meats destined for Germany and to issue certificates which shall be accepted as conclusive by the inspectors in the German ports. This difficulty can easily be solved. We also hope that American sausages will overcome the threatening crisis and be treated on their merits, especially, as Dr. Stiles correctly stated, because no European country ever could trace one single case of trichinosis to American sau-

SNOWBOUND MEAT AND HIGH CATTLE

The late blizzard played business havoc with live stock, transportation and meat. In addition to blocking and freezing cattle, and delaying the arrival of goods at their destinations all over the country, especially stuff coming East from the West, it added the annoyance of the slow movement of refrigerating cars traveling as "return empties" to their freighting depots, after discharging their

freights. This has made it extremely difficult for packers to fill orders, as the right-ofway has to be given to loaded cars. The snow blockade is now, happily, lifted and every effort is being made to restore the normal condition of freight traffic over the various railway lines. The blockade of trains by snowdrifts, while it caused no damage to the imprisoned meat itself, froze it in many instances and prejudiced its sale value by giving to it a darkish off color; thus hurting its selling appearance. This condition and this result was general all over the country. One of the worst friends fresh meat can encounter is a bed of damp snow. The market will soon have its normal pulse.

The hard winter conditions in the West acting upon the present scarcity of cattle will force the price of both "hoof beef" and carcass beef up. Every indication is that the market price will rule high during the year.

OUR OPENING OF CANNED MEATS.

The representatives of leading and influential morning newspapers who met at our offices last Monday afternoon upon the invitation of this paper to them to witness the opening of eighteen-year-old canned ment, and of that packed at more recent dates-including packages which had been to Tampa, Siboney, Santiago, Wikoff and back-only saw one more demonstration of the fact that these goods were superb, sweet, and free from deleterious substances. Four of the cans submitted were under sworn affidavit. Two others were accompanied by indisputable evidence of their genuineness. Every effort was made to have the details of the occasion as open and as frank as could be. The expressed satisfaction of the visiting newspaper men present was but a just acknowledgment of the excellence of the goods in every way. We were pleased to have the press with us as our guests and to give them an independent and unbiased inspection of canned goods.

LENT AND MEAT.

Lent is on and meat, in a sense, is off. As this sort of a slack is an annual experience, the trade knows how to grin and to endure the slack season. To the surprise of both the wholesale and the retail meat men, people either do not fast so much just now, or those who do not fast are irreligiously eating up double the quantity of meat they ate before. The high price of beeef is the only thing which holds it back. Considering all things, beef and small stock are moving lively. This may be due to the fear of a further evitable rise in the carcass price of stuff or to the fact that the cold snap emptied the coolers.

Death of G. C. Favorite.

G. C. Favorite, son of C. M. Favorite, general manager for Armour & Co., in Chicago, died suddenly at the Dewey Hotel, Washington, D. C., on Sunday last. He was about 36 years old. Mr. Favorite, the deceased, was not connected with the firm of Armour & Co., nor was he in the meat trade. The family has our sympathy in this, their sad bereavement.

Buffalo Live Stock Review.

CATTLE.-The receipts of sale cattle were 174 cars, this week, which include 21 loads of Canada stockers. The market was firm and 10 to 25c. lower, with the most decline on the good and medium steer grades, but about all were sold at the close. A few prime steers brought 5.60@5.70. Good to choice export steers 5.35@5.50. Medium grades 4.85@5.15. Good ripe steers of 1,000 to 1,250 pounds 4.70@5.10. Fair to 4.25@4.60. Common half fat to fair 3.85@ Cows and heifers sold steady to only a shade easier. Best heifers 4.25@4.50. Light to good fair fleshed 3.50@4.00. Fat export cows 4.00@4.20. Fair to good 3.25@3.60. Common old to fair 2.25@3.00. Bulls, prime heavy exports 4.10@4.25. Good, smooth butchers 3.70@4.00. Good, heavy bolognas 3.25@ Thin and common 2.75@3.15. Stockers and feeders were generally 10 to 15c, lower for all, but choice well bred stockers or feeders and good Canadian yearlings. Good to choice stockers and feeders 4.00@4.40. Common to fair 3.40@3.85. Yearlings 4.50@4.75. Milch cows and springers were in fair supply at 2.00@4.00 per head; lower for all kinds. Good to choice milkers generally sold at 35.00 to 45.00, with a pair of fancy at 105.00 or 52.50 per head. Veals were in fair supply, and generally sold from 7.00 to 7.75 for tops. with others at 4.75@6.75. Heavy fat calves selling at 4.00 to 4.50, with good red and roan steer calves at 4.50@4.75.

HOGS.-The total receipts this week up to and including Thursday were 178 cars. The market opened slow on Monday at about a nickel decline. The general quality of the supply continues to be good, and prices on the various days ranged as follows: Monday Yorkers 3.75@3.80. Light lots 3.70. Pigs 3.65@3.75, but before the close weakened to 3.50@3.55. Good mixed packers 3.80@3.85. Good to choice mediums 3.85@3.90. Heavy grades 3.85. Roughs 3.25@3.40; closed dull and weak for Yorkers and pigs, with a few left over. Tuesday—with 20 loads all told on sale. The market opened slow and was dull and flat at weak Monday's prices, for Yorkers, pigs and light lots, but steady for others. Wednesday, the market was dull and slow at full easier prices. Yorkers sold at 3.70@3.75. Light lots 3.65@3.70. Mixed packers 3.75@3.80. Good mediums as a rule 3.85. Good heavy 3.85@3.90. Pigs 3.55@3.65. Few common 3.50. Stags and rough lots 2.50 @3.25, up to 3.30 for good. Thursday's supply was light, only 26 cars all told. market with better weather and more favorable Eastern reports was stronger. Yorkers generally 3.80@3.85. Few light lots 3.75. Good mixed 3.85@3.871/2. Good mediums 3.90. Choice heavy 3.95@3.971/2. Pigs 3.55@3.65. Roughs, 3.20@3.35. About all were sold a few light grades and pigs.

SHEEP AND LAMBS .- The market opened rather slow, but a shade decline from last week's close, was fairly active, for lambs, but sheep which were in much better supply were all of 15 to 20c, lower. The bulk of the sales of good to prime lambs ran at 5,0000 5.05, which prices held until Wednesday, when tops sold up to 5.10, but again weakened to first values. Fair to good sold at 4.65@4.95. Culls and common 4.00@4.60. There was a good demand for good heavy export lambs at 5.00@5.05, mostly 5.05. Mixed sheep good to choice have ruled steady throughout, at 4.15 to 4.30. Fair to good 3.75@4.10. Culls and common 2.75@3.65. Wethers 4.35@4.50. Good to choice yearlings 4.45@4.65. A number of good Mexican, Ohio and Michigan fed lambs have sold at 5.00@ 5.05, but buyers continue to steer clear of Western fed lambs, as they are not killing out very good. The market closed steady on Thursday, with all sold but a few lots of

The Packing I.C. at least temporarily, while it will probably depend, the strength of the market, upon the showing of the near swine movement who latter part of the week these homeoccurrents, while the showing of the near swine movement who latter part of the week these homeoccurrents.

except lard, which is quoted by the cet., in tes., pork and beef by the bbl.. or tierce, and hogs by the cet.

RECOVERY FROM LOWER PRICES .-SHAKING OUT OF THE LONG INTEREST, FOLLOWED BY IN-CREASED BUYING OF PACKERS AND A STRONG MARKET .- EX-PORT DEMANDS ENLARGING.

There were yielding prices early in the week, followed by a gathering up of the offerings at the inside figures, chiefly by packers, and some recovery of prices. There had been a long interest, more or less, on the part of the outsiders which had clung rather stubbornly to holdings through the period of small fluctuations in prices, but when the pressure got a little beyond this let their deals go. There was early in the week more stop loss orders than had been observed before in There was not enough new outside demand to counteract any pressure to sell, and the market then drifted easily to the basis made. But apart from the momentary influence in the then larger receipts of hogs and the desire to get them at more reasonable rates, considering that the prices of the swine were more than usual out of proportion to the values of the products, there was nothing of a depressing character except the fact that the outsiders showed less nerve over a possible development of firmness and aided in the easier tendency by their disposition to quit holdings which many of them had carried for some time in the belief that "good times" were likely to prevail on speculative ventures in provisions and grain. While there has been more uncertainty on the part of some investors over a recovery of marked tone in the near future, or at least in a near radical advance in prices, and through which there had been a good deal of realizing, there is no question but that in some leading quarters and among some of the principal operators, there is a belief that the possibilities are far from being discouraging as yet over some little excitement and strength to dealings before the season is materially further advanced. Bids for cash property upon a basis to conform to the easier tendency of the options have in many instances been turned down with instructions given to hold, and with the belief that the near future will show a de-The receipts of cided recovery of prices. swine fell off immediately after the opening of the week, and the products were quickened then almost at once to a firmer tendency from hte decline that had taken place. It looked as though the larger receipts of hogs previously, and as made up in good part from delayed shipments over the storm, had been seized upon as a feature to depress prices in order to gather in and concentrate the stocks of the products in packers' hands, as well as to bring the prices of the swine down more in a proper relation to the values of the products. The packers were the most ready buyers at the inside figures and have since done most of the they buying, or on the turn to higher prices. The greatest pressure from hog supplies is over,

depend, the strength of the market, upon the showing of the near swine movement. Through the latter part of the week these hog receipts have been under expectations, while their average weights continue lighter than last year. The outsiders did not have much to do with the recovery of tone on some of the later dealings of the week. It was more a packers' market on the decline and essentially so on the recent recovery, while the development both ways had been more apart from grain than usual latterly and rested chiefly upon direct features. There was really nothing very striking to the position for the week, outside of the liquidation early of the outsiders and the gathering in of the stuff by the packers, while it is clear that the outside speculative sentiment has become for awhile at least tamed, and that it is in strong contrast with its appearance a short time since, when hope was more general of a spreading of the speculative wave. spite the current restricted order of outside speculation, in its effect upon the general market, there is no doubt but that export demands are reviving, and that the business in meats and lard is becoming quite satisfactory again, with the shipments out of Chicago for the week of a fairly full volume. However, the export movements are now less than last year at this time, and the general distributions hardly as liberal as then, although last season there was an exceptional full export trading at about this time. England is becoming a little more interested in lard and meats, although working very close over prices, while reluctant over meeting any improvement that takes place. The demands from the continent have been larger, especially for meats, as compared with the trading a fortnight since. The home distributions from the West are gradually coming back to the usual volume and which had been broken into by the bad weather of the previous week, with more of a demand there from the South and Southwest.

In New York there has been a fair supply of hogs through the week, as following the scarcity of the previous week, when the severe snow storm caused a good deal of delay in receipts, while prices have been yielding from the then firm prices. Strange to say. there were fewer smothered hogs than usual in the supply, notwithstanding the remarkably cold and stormy weather, to delaying their With the increased packing here arrivals. and a falling off in the movements to exporters and home trade sources the stocks of the products have enlarged and their prices have settled back from the firmness of the previous week. Bellies especially have little English demand this week, and are offered about 1/sc. lower, while loose hams and shoulders have become rather more in the buyers favor. There has been only a moderate movement to the other side in city lard this week, while the refiners have been able to secure it at lower prices. The continent demand for refined lard has been without especial activity. while the English demand here for Western lard has been very slow for a few days. The Cuban markets have been very slow buyers. and the general demands from near sources here have been of an unsatisfactory order.

The sales in New York and at neighboring markets for export for the week have been 500 tes. Western lard, 375 tes. city do., 175

tes. bellies, 225 boxes, do., and 125 boxes backs.

The exports from the Atlantic ports last week were 4,568 bbls, pork, 8,991,293 fbs. lard and 13,094,737 lbs. meats; corresponding week last year: 6,599 bbls. pork, 15,906,714 lbs, lard, and 24,448,404 pounds meats.

The Chicago shipments last week were 3,-242 bbls. pork, 8,529,628 lbs, lard, and 13,-145,558 lbs. meats; corresponding week last year: 5,311 bbls. pork, 9,961,929 fbs. lard, and 19,064,108 lbs. meats.

For tierced beef there is a quiet market. City tierced extra India mess, quoted at \$14@ 14.50, as to quality. For barreled beef there are moderate demands, and steady 'prices; mess quoted at \$8.50@9; packet at \$9@10; family at \$10.50@11, and sales of 750 bbls.

For beef hams there are small demands, and about steady prices, with \$18 quoted for car lots.

In canned meats there is a very fair export movement and increasing home distributions; corned and roast beef, 1-lb. cans, \$1.15; 2-lb. eans, \$2.10; 4-lb. cans, \$4; 6-lb. cans, \$6.85; 14-lb. cans, \$14.75.

On Saturday (18th) hog receipts, West, 50,-000 head; last year, 47,000. There was a good deal of liquidation on the part of the outsiders, through which prices broke and closed at declines for the day of 20@22 for pork, 10 points for lard and 10@12 points for ribs. In New York, Western steam lard at \$5.55; city do., \$5.10; refined lard, \$5.80 for continent: \$6.25 for South America; \$7.35 for do, kegs Of pork, sales of 200 bbls. mess at \$9.50@ 10.121/2; 75 bbls. family mess at \$11. Hogs at 5%4@6. In city cut meats, sales of 600 pickled shoulders at 41/2; 800 pickled hams at 7@71/2

On Monday, hog receipts, West, 88,000 head; last year, 62,000 head. The products had a further bear raid, with the packers securing most of the offerings at inside prices. There were a good many stop loss orders, while the large receipts of hogs tended to weaken prices. It looked as though the liquidation was well over through the selling of the day. The declines against the close of Saturday were 35 for pork, 10@15 points for lard and 15@20 points for ribs. In New York, Western steam lard at \$5.45; city lard, \$5; refined, \$5.65 for continent; \$6 for South America; \$7.10 for do. kegs. Of mess pork, sales of 250 bbls, mess at \$9.25@10; 75 bbls. city family do. at \$10.50@11; short clear, \$10 @12. Hogs at 51/4@51/2. In city cut meats, sales 1,500 pickled shoulders at 41/4@41/2.

On Tuesday, receipts of hogs, West, 59,-000 head; last year, a holiday. There was a recovery of tone to the market for the products, with good buying by the packers, and the gain for the day was 20 for pork, 5 points for lard and 10 points for ribs. In New York. Western steam lard at \$5.55; city do. at \$5; refined lard, \$5.70 for continent; \$6 for South America; 7.10 for do. kegs. - Mess pork at \$9.50@\$10. In city cut meats, pickled bellies, 12-lb, avg., 51/4651/4; 10-lb. avg., 51/4; pickled shoulders, 41/4@@41/2; pickled hams, 7@71/2 Sales of 3,000 pickled shoulders at 41/4@41/2; 2,000 pickled hams at 7@71/2, and 25,000 lbs. pickled bellies at 51/6051/4; 3,000 lbs. do., 14-1b. avg., at 5. Hogs at 5@51/2.

Wednesday-A holiday.

On Thursday, receipts of hogs, West, 71, 000 head; last year, 100,200. The products showed more activity than in some few days before, and they were a little spurty in price There was more outside buying, although this was not at all lively, while it looked as though Armour and Cudahy both were buying, the former especially of lard. The close showed an advance against Tuesday of 5@7 for pork. 10 points for lard and 7@10 points for ribs. In New York, Western steam lard at \$5.60; city do. at \$5.10; compound lard at 4%@4%;

refined lard, \$5.75 for continent; \$6 for South America: \$7.10 for do, kegs. Of pork, sales of 175 bbls, mess at \$9.50@\$10; city family, \$10.50. Cut meats not changed from the day before

On Friday, hog receipts West, 51,000 head; last year, 64,000. The products varied little; generally steady, closing as against the night before, steady to 5c, lower on pork, and unchanged on lard and ribs. In New York, Western steam lard at 5.60; city do at 5.10. Refined, unchanged from the day before, as well as pork and cut meats, Compound lard at 43/6/47/c.

OLEO AND NEUTRAL LARD.

The oleo oil market this week in Rotterdam has remained steady for choice oil, it being practically unchanged at 50 florins. Owing to the break in provisions in Chicago, however, neutral lard has declined several florins.

Sales of Oleo Oil in Rotterdam.

- Feb. 18. Swift Extra sold at 59 florins.

 18. Morris Katra sold at 59 florins.

 18. Supreme Extra sold at 58 florins.

 Sales this week, 2,200 tes.

 21. Harrison sold at 59 florins.

 21. Morris Extra sold at 58 florins.

 21. Swift Extra sold at 58 florins.

 21. Royal Extra sold at 57 florins.

 40. tes. sold.

 22. Harrison sold at 59 florins.
- es. sold. Harrison sold at 59 florins. Swift E-tra sold at 59 florins. Morris Extra sold at 69 florins. Supreme Extra sold at 57 florins. Brilliant Extra sold at 56 florins.
- 23. Swift Extra sold at 59 florins 100 tes, sold.

Exports of Oleo Oil to Rotterdam.

Feb 18. Per 8tmr. 8paarndam—United, 840; Stern, 130; Dold, 73; 8. & 8., 837; Armour & Co., 980; Hammond, 260; Armour P. Co., 155; Swift, 75. Total, 3462

b 21. Per Stmr. Maori from Baitimore-Swift, Morris, 380: Cudaby P. Co., 75. Total, 28: tes. Feb. 23. Per Stur. Massdam-Stern, 250; S. & S., 783; Morris, 460. Total, 1.443 tcs.

Neutral Lard.

Feb. 18. Per Stmr. Spaarndam-Armour & Co., 350

Feb. 21. Per Stmr Maori from Baltimore—King u, 154; International, 150; Friedman, 780; Morris, 125; Cleveland, 120. Total, 1,295 tes

Feb 28. Per Stmr. Massdam-Hammond, 66; Armour & Co. 250; Armour P. Co., 500; Friedman, 500; Morris, 430. Total, 1,740 tes.

American Goods in Italy.

Consul Hayden, of Castellamare di Stabia, Italy, points out in a recent communication to the State Department, that if American manufacturers and exporters wish to succeed in the Italian market, catalogues should be printed in the Italian language and Italian weights and measures should be employed, and that commercial travelers who represent American firms should themselves be Americans, but able to speak the language of the

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EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD CANNED MEAT OPENED.

An Important Assemblage-Representatives of the Leading New York Daily Newspapers Accept National Provisioner's Invitation and Witness the Opening in our Offices on Monday and Eat of the Wholesome Contents of the Cans.

A CHEMICAL TEST MADE FOR THEM.

No Acids Found in the Meat .- Everything Satisfactory.

So much has been said about the eightyear-old canned ment, which it has been asserted was put up in 1802 and delivered to the United States Government last year for service in Cuba, that The National Provisioner desired to verify a former inspection of aged canned meat by opening some older packages of it. Understanding that Mr. P. D. Armour, the head of Armour & Co., Chicago, had in his private stock stuff which his concern had canned 25 years ago, Mr. Thomas J. Connors, the general Eastern manager of the fresh meat department of the business was communicated with on the subject. He politely referred the matter to Mr. H. Raphael, of 182 Duane street, New York, one of Armour & Co.'s general Eastern provision managers, and the company's representative on the New York Produce Exchange. A request to Mr. Raphael for a tin of ancient canned meat resulted in the courteous tender of packages of meat which had been canned at various dates, the oldest of which he has had on hand for eighteen years. This was accepted to save the time of sending to Chicago for older cans which had been put up twenty-five years ago. From a small stock

of meat put up in 1887 a can was also allowed to be picked at random. To these were added canned roast beef and canned corned beef of the same stock and grade as that supplied to the United States Government during the late Spanish-American war. These. more recent cans were put up last year. Our first intention was to open these cans for our own further information, thus following our policy of verifying our own position before making a statement. Not wishing to be selfish in so important a matter as this opening of such old goods for a side light on the stuff put up eight years ago, this paper issued the following fraternal invitation to the leading papers of New York City.

Dear Sir:—The National Provisioner extends to you its invitation to be present at its office and laboratory, 284-286 Pearl street, corner Beekman, on Monday afternoon, 20th inst., at 3 o'clock to witness the opening of and to examine canned beef packed eightees years ago, and some which has been packed at a later date. If unable to accept, personally, the editor of The National Provisioner will be pleased to receive an accredited representative of your paper.

JOHN F. HOBBS,

Associate Editor.

Having sent but this invitation to the press of New York to visit our office on Monday last at 3 p. m., it was desired by us to not only bring the series of canned meats down to 1898 inclusive, and to have the later parcels of the same stock and quality as that from which the Army and the Navy contract goods were taken, but to pursue those goods into the field and to actually secure cans which had knocked about at the front, and, hence, were actually traveled and tried army stores. For the last named goods we wish to thank Col. C. A. Woodruff, A. C. G. S., of the Army Building, Whitehall street, who courteously acceded to our request for cans which had knocked about for months on government transports to Cuba and back. The Armour series of cans were followed because this concern's name had been the one most bruited about in connection with the late army canned goods contracts.

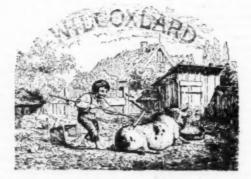
The cans obtained from the Armour Company were accompanied by an affidavit of Manager Raphael, who had marked and delivered each can to the representative of this journal, who made the selection. This affi-

davit is as follows:

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WILCOX COMPANY REFINERS FOR EXPORT ONLY

City and County of New York, ss.: H. Raphael, being duly sworn, deposes and H. Raphael, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the manager of Armour & Co.'s office in New York City, at No. 182 Duane street, that the statements contained in the letter herewith attached, addressed to The National Provisioner, are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn to, before me, this 17th day of February, A. D., 1899.

H. RAPHAEL.

Alex Wiley, Notary Public, N. Y. C.

The statement referred to is given below; each section of it was read as the package to which it referred was opened.

At 3:30 p. m. on Monday afternoon the following newspaper men had assembled: J. S. Steele, of the "New York Herald;" W. Root, the "Sun;" H. H. Curran, of the "Tribune;" Guenther Thomas, of the "New York Staats-Zeitung;" E. V. N. Hawood, of the "World;" A. N. Easton, of the "Times;" Thomas P. Henry, of the "New York Journal," and John W. Callahan, editor of the "Grocers' Advo-cate," of New York. Mr. J. M. Smart, commissioner of the official journal of the Agricultural Department, of Victoria, Australia, was also present. Then the process of opening, tasting, discussing and explaining began.

In view of the claim that eight-year-old canned meat put up for China had seen given the soldiers, the oldest can on the table was knifed and opened. As Chief Chemist Duff, of The National Provisioner Laboratory, cut the aged can open the following section of the sworn statement relating to it was read:

Feb. 16, 1899.
Armour & Co., 182 Duane Street, New York.
H. Raphael, Manager.
The National Provisioner, 284-286 Pearl street, City.
Gentleman.

street, City.

Gentlemen:—I hereby certify that the 2pound can (commercial size) of corned beef,
which I have this day given you and marked
with my initials was packed by the original
Wilson Packing Co., of Chicago, in the year
1881, and I want it understood that the can 1881, and I want it understood that the can we have given you must not be contused with the more recent brand of the Wilson Packing Co.'s beef, which is now offered on the mar-ket, as the Wilson Packing Co., of Chicago, Ill., who put up the can initialed as above stated, went out of business between the years 1881 and 1883.

The meat was sweet and excellent. It was saltier than later cannings. The evidence of age did not appear. The meat tasted good and all expressed surprise at the remarkably nice and palatable condition of this old meat. It was a can of corned beef put up by the original Wilson Packing Company, which went out of busines nearly eighteen years ago. Mr. Raphael was with this company when these goods were being packed. The freshness of the meat would lead the uninformed to doubt its age.

The next can opened was one of corned beef put up by Armour & Co., of Chicago, in 1887." It was twelve years old. When the rich, juicy, red meat was turned out upon the plate the affidavit statement in regard to it was read, and is as follows

I also certify that the 2-lb. can (full weight) of the Armour Canning Co.'s Compressed Cooked Corned Beef, given you this day, initialed with my initials and marked "1887 packed" was put up for the United States Government in that year by Armour & Co. This can was taken from the original shipment delivered to the government in that year, and is the same quality as goods packed at present, and used by both the United States Army and Navy during the late war with Spain.

Though twelve years old, the contents looked and ate as if they had been packed The newspaper men present prolast year. nounced it superb. It was so. was four years older than the eight-year-old stock, which it is alleged, was supplied to the government. This stuff was as good as one could desire of this class of goods,

A jump of eleven years was made from 1887 to 1898. The corned beef series was

Packers. Read

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THE COMPETITORS SAY:

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WE SAY:

Nothing. Just Saw Wood. Write us.

The HORNE & DANZ CO., St. Paul, Minn.

kept up and a can of the same stock which was furnished the government on contract last year was then cut open and its contents turned out for inspection by the committee of journalists present. This was a twopound can of which Mr. Raphael's sworn statement says:

I further certify that the 2-lb. can (commercial size) of the Armour Canning Co.'s Compressed Cooked Corned Beef, given you this day, initialed "H. R.," marked 'packed 1898," put up in that year by Armour & Co., of Chicago, Ill., is the same beef which we are now delivering on government contracts, both to the Army and Novy of the tracts, both to the Army and Navy of the United States, as well as to the general trade of the United States, both wholesale and retail, and also to our foreign government contracts as well as to the commercial trade of the world.

From the same stock and put up by the same packing concern, a can of roast beef was opened so as to furnish a comparison between fresh beef canned, and the corned beef The red, tasty corned beef looks richer, but the duller looking fresh beef has, if anything, a larger per cent. of food in it even though it is not so tasty on account of the absence of salt. This tastiness is restored by adding the proper amount of pepper and salt.

It is a remarkable fact that in the whole Cuban campaign there was not one requisition for salt or pepper upon the army stores, though these flavors were on hand to be used.

The tin of canned fresh beef above referred to was sworn to as follows:

We also submit to you, a 2-lb. (full weight) can of our Prime Roast Beef, marked "H. R., packed 1898," which I hereby certify was packed in the early part of the year 1898, by Armour & Co., of Chicago, Ill. This can was taken from one of the lots which was delivered to both the United States Army and Navy on contract, and the contents are guaranteed to be identically the same, and is the same quality as we deliver to our contractors abroad and to the general trade, both of the United States and the world at large.

I was with the aforesaid Wilson Packing Co., before the said concern went out of business as above stated, and have been for seventeen and eighteen years with my present employers, Armour & Co., being one of their general Eastern provision managers and representative on the New York Produce Exchange at this time.

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It had no repulsive look and was nounced excellent food by the assembled company. One of the guests asked if any of the above cans had actually been with the army. They had not. They were taken from the same kind of stock as that at the front, and showed the general quality of canned meats put up for the every-day trade, as well as for the government.

At this stage the two cans from the government stores were produced, both of fresh roast beef, with the accompanying letter from Col. Woodruff, the efficient head of the Commissary Department, in New York:

The National Provisioner:

I herewith hand you, as requested, two cans of roast beef, taken at random from two cases in my store house, one a commercial package, purchased by myself, and the

other packed especially for the government and purchased by Col. Smith. These cans went to Tampa, were in cars about two weeks, then on transports to Siboney, Santiago and Camp Wikoff, this taking about two and a half to three months, remaining at Camp Wikoff until January, when they were shipped to New York.

C. A. WOODRUFF, A. C. G. S.

The can which was purchased in the open market and sent to Cuba was identical with the one taken from stock and mentioned in Mr. Raphael's affidavit. In the intense heat of the hold of the ship or elsewhere, the fat had melted and the exterior of the contents of the can did not present that bright, gelatined appearance seen about the meat from the cans taken from stock, but, when cut, the meat was firm and very tasty. It all tasted rich and was in fine condition.

The other can marked, "Contractor's Canned Corned Beef," furnished by the army contractor, looked fresher than its sister tin from the open market but the fat had also melted in this, and it was not as sleek as the meat kept in a place cooler than a ship's hold, which, in summer, in the tropics ranges up to about 100 degrees. This meat was sweet, fresh, and good. It was fit for food anywhere where such a class of food is necessary. There was nothing about it to merit an opprobrious name. The newspaper men present seemed much surprised at the quality of this canned army contract beef, even after it had knocked about Tampa in that terrible heat, been to scorching Santiago, Camp Wikoff and finally, back to the Army building. These meats were tasted freely, and were spoken highly of by those who witnessed the opening of the tins.

After comparing notes and receiving information on the canning of meats and the per cent, of nutriment boiled out of the cuts during the process of cooking for canningwhich is about 2 per cent, in the fresh meatone of the spectators asked:

"Has this meat any poric acid in it?"

"Pick your can and we will test the contents for acid," Chief Chemist Duff replied.

The dull red painted army contract can was selected. The whole company then repaired to The Provisioner's Laboratory, where Mr. Duff made the acid test to the expressed satisfaction of the whole company. No evidence of poric acid was found. When asked if they desired another test or a further verificataion of the last made, the frank newspaper men said that they were satisfied, and thanked this paper for the pains taken, the courtesy and the frankness which pervaded the whole two hours fraternal investigation and testing of these much-abused army canned meats.

The whole thing convinced us as every test we have made has convinced us before, that no reputable packer uses acids in canning roast beef. Such things are needless. are also as firmly as ever of the opinion that meats properly caued will keep indefinitely.

We were glad to receive the press and to have this little fraternal family inspection of old and new canned beef.

WHAT THE DAILY PAPERS SAY.

We reprint the following comments of the leading New York daily newspapers upon the results of the opening of various cans of meat in The National Provisioner office on Monday, and the chemical tests of army beef in our laboratory asked for by the representatives of these journals.

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Taken from Army Stores and Manufacturers' Stocks,—One Can Had Been to Cuba. The National Provisioner avranged for the opening of a number of cans of corned and coast beef in its offices at 254 Pearl street yesterday afternoon with a view to determining for its own satisfaction the truth of ralisity of the charges made concerning the character of the canned goods supplied to the army and navy by the beef contractors. Representatives of all the newspapers were invited to be present. The test was conducted by Col. John F. Hobbs, associate editor of the journal. Col. Hobbs had in his office several specimens of canned beef which he had obtained from H. Raphael, Armour & Co.'s manager in this city. There was one can of corned beef packed in 1881 by the Wilson Packing Company, of Chicago, now defunct; a can of Armour's corned beef put up in 1898 and from the general stock supplied to the government and to the general trade, and a can of roast beef put up in 1898 and taken from one of the lots delivered to the government. Mr. Raphael made affidavit to the truth of his assertions regarding these cans. There were also two cans of roast beef furnished by request by Col, C. A. Woodruff and taken from the stores in the Army building. One of the cans had been to Cuba and back. The cans were all opened and their contents were smelled and tasted by the newspaper men present. The eighteen-year-old beef was perfectly good, though lacking in taste as compared with the others, which were all in excellent condition. At the request of one of the newspaper men, Prof. J. C. Duff, chemist for The National Provisioner, tested the contents of the can of roast beef which had been to Cuba and back to see if there was boracic acid in it. He found no traces of the acid.

(From The New York Herald.)

(From The New York Herald.) TESTING ARMY BEEF

Samples of canned corned beef packed 18 years ago and of canned roast beef packed in 1898 for the general market and of that furnished to the army were opened yesterday afternoon at the offices of The National Provis-

nished to the army were opened yesterday afternoon at the offices of The National Provisioner, a trade paper, whose editor, Colonel John F. Hobbs, declared that it was done in the interest of the meat trade of the United States. Among those present was J. M. Smart, a representative of the Agricultural Department of the government of Victoria, Australia.

The canned corned beef which was packed in 1881 was found to be in excellent condition and a can packed in 1887 was also fresh and good. Colonel Hobbs had also obtained two cans of canned roast beef from Colonel C. A. Woodruff, in charge of the Commissary Department at the Army building. One had been purchased in the open market, and the other was taken from a lot packed specially for the army by Armour & Co. Both cans had been sent to Tampa, to Siboney and Santiago, back to Camp Wikoff, and finally back to New York. The meat in both was fresh and in good condition, but that packed specially for the army did not seem to be quite so fine a quality and contained more fat than that purchased in the open market. Tests for borneic and salicylic acids failed to reveal the presence of either.

At the close of the tests Mr. Smart declared to me that any trouble which had arisen as to the condition of the beef furnished to the army was due not to any fault in preparation or packing, but to faulty methods of transportation.

(From The New York Tribune.) ARMY BEEF TESTED HERE,

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In this city yesterday John F. Hobbs, of The National Provisioner, opened in the presence of several newspaper men six cans of beef. Four were obtained from H. Raphael, who represents Armour & Co. on the Produce Exchange. The others were secured from Colonel C. A. Woodruff, who was in charge of the stores at Camp Wikoff. The first can opened contained corned beef canned eighteen years ago by the Wilson Packing Company, of Chicago, which went out of business in 1883. The beef was tasted by a "Tribune" reporter, and found to be rather dry and

without much flavor, but when seasoned with salt it was tolerably eatable. The next two cans contained corned beef canned by Armour & Co., and, according to the affidavit of Mr. Raphael, these cans were picked at random from the lots of 1887 and 1898, respectively, and were similar to those furnished to the army and navy in the Spanish war. The beef of 1887 tasted somewhat better than that of 1887. The fourth can contained Armour's roast beef. The most important cans, however, were the last two, which, according to the letter from Col. Woodruff, contained roast beef which had gone with the army to Tampa, had been at Siboney and Santiago, and had finally been brought to Camp Wikoff, their wanderings covering about three months. These were picked at random by Col. Woodruff from the stores used by the army in the Santiago campaign, from which they were left over. One of the cans was purchased in open market by Colonel Smith of the Regular Army. The other was one of the cans furnished to the Army on contract by Armour left over. One of the cans was purchased in open market by Colonel Smith of the Regular Army. The other was one of the cansfurnished to the Army on contract by Armour & Co. The beef in this latter can, which was said to be similar to that eaten by the soliers before Santiago, and was canned in 1898, was inclosed in a thick layer of fat, and was discolored in places by the tin of the can, but was not disagreeable in taste, although it did not compare favorably with that purchased in open market. A chemical test was made, and it was asserted that the beef did not contain boracic acid.

Mr. Hobbs said that the soldiers in Cuba probably did not obey the directions on the cans, but replaced the beef in the cans when they had eaten what they desired, instead of leaving it out in a cool place. It is possible that there were not many cool spots on the hills before Santiago in which to place and preserve this beef. Mr. Hobbs also said that not a single requisition had been made for pepper or salt for the Army of Santiago, and that with pepper and salt the beef would not have been tasteless.

(From The New York Times.) J. C. Duff Makes Some Unofficial Tests and Talks of the Result.

Col. John C. Hobbs, associate editor of The National Provisioner, conducted yesterday afternoon a number of tests of canned beef put up between 1881 and 1898. The tests consisted of opening the cans, sampling the beef, and in one case chemically analyzing some beef which had been sent by Col. A. C. Woodruff of the Commissary Department, taken from the government army stores.

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The tests took place in the office rooms and laboratory of The National Provisioner, 284 and 286 Pearl street. In the course of the investigations, J. C. Duff, the chief chemist of the laboratory, who performed the test to show that there was no boracic acid in the beef examined, was questioned as to how beef extract was made.

"Mr. Duff," he was asked, "what becomes of the pulp that is left after the extract is obtained? Is that put up and sold as canned beef?"

(From The New York Commercial.) This Canned Beef All Right.

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A number of cans of corned and roast beef were opened in the office of The National Provisioner, at No. 284 Pearl street, yesterday, with a view to determining the truth or falsity of the charges made concerning the character of the canned goods supplied to the army and navy by the beef contractors. Beef put up at different years, some as far back as 1881, was pronounced good and in excellent condition. condition.

(From The N. Y. Staats Zeltung.)

The New York "Staats-Zeitung" in its report, filling about two-thirds of a column, says substantially as follows:

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In the business and editorial offices of The National Provisioner, 284-286 Pearl street, there assembled on Monday at the invitation of that paper, about two dozen reporters to attend the opening of several cans of corned and roast beef. The paper is the organ of the big slaughterers and packers who feel themselves injured by the accusations against the meat furnished to our soldiers. It is but natural that their organ feels itself called upon to oppose such attacks like those in the catchword that their organ feels itself called upon to op-pose such attacks like those in the catchword of General Miles of "embalmed beef." It is difficult to find a way for our soldiers before Santiago to comply with the directions mark-ed on each can that the contents should be eaten at once and the unused stuff not to be returned into the can but to be preserved in cool places. It is natural that immediately

after the opening of such cans in tropical climate, decomposition had to set in. Especially interesting were two cans of roast beef, which had been sent to Tampa and then to Siboney and then remained three months in Camp Wikoff. The meat was of healthy appearance and the chemist of The Provisioner furnished the chemical proof that neither boracle nor salicylic acid had been applied.

MILES AND MEAT.

In the "beef inquiry" now gonig on at Washington, Dr. Daly, who discovered the "embalmed beef" upon which Gen. Miles scandalized the whole refrigerated meat trade of America, when pinned down to bed rock made a sorry spectacle of his former report to the Commanding General.

First-He admitted that it was Powell's private beef, and not government contract beef, which he examined and from which he said he found the chemicals of which he wrote. He "thought" these quarters were samples of the carcasses which he "thought" were in the hold. As a matter of fact, and the ship's manifest will show it, there was no carcass beef in the hold of that ship. If Dr. Daly swears that he obtained the sediment he produced by boiling down a portion of a carcass prepared by Powell's process, and that he also found boric acid in it, the statement reads badly, as Powell's process, we are assured from a source which can be believed. contains neither borie nor salicylic acids. The commission having secured Daly's confession that it was Powell's meat he boiled down, should now obtain some of this preservative and examine it for these acids to verify this witness. The failure to discover such an acid in view of Daly's admission would place the witness and his statement in an awkward

Second-He changed the date of his report from Sept. 21 to Oct. 21. That makes this report under oath look awkward in view of subsequent facts. Sept. 21 reads better. This copy," he said, looking at the mutilated document handed him, "has been changed, and I think I changed it to Oct. 21. After much thought on the matter I am now convinced that it should be Oct. 14." Then, why did Daly originally mark it Sept. 21, if he made that report at that time. Did he forget the date he was writing on, and the month, Dr. Daly said that Col. Weston told him those carcasses were hanging there as an experiment. Yet he did not "get the idea

of an experiment."
Gen. Miles when nailed down to his interviews in newspapers, said:

"They are erroneous presentations of what I could possibly have said. I think my use of the words 'pretense of experiment' was unfortunate. I did not mean to accuse any one of fraud."

"As far as indicating fraud," he said, "I wish to state that no such inference was intended. It was perhaps an unfortunate expression, and had my attention been called to it I might have amended it to say—well, 'on the theory of an experiment.' As a matter of fact, it was an experiment, and a very costly one."

"Did you eat any of the refrigerated beef at Ponce?" Col. Gillespie asked.

"Yes, I presume I did."
"Then," said Col. Gillespie, "It has not such characteristic qualities as would permit you to detect it offhand?"
"No, sir."

The strength and gist of the testimony of the officers of the line is that the beef was good, but that the transportation of it inland in Cuba and Porto Rico was bad. It was hauled up in open wagons, and what tainted did so en route to camp. Beef on the hoof slaughtered in this moist hot climate at night would not have had its animal heat out of it before tainting, and it would have been fatal to our soldiers. The beef served was the best.

Col. J. F. Weston, Acting Commissary General, scathed Dr. Daly with denial upon denial. He denied Daly's statement that he had not been told that the four quarters of (Powell's) beef hanging on the deck of the Rio Grande were placed there for experiment, Col. Weston said:

"I told him so myself. I told him that those quarters had been 'processed' by a man named Powell as an experiment. They were not contractors' meat, nor for the use of the army. That was not under the government at all. It was purely a private experiment."

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Col. Davis—Tell us about Dr. Daly seeing the processed beef. A.—I called his attention to it on the transport. I explained to him that it was processed by Mr. Powell, and was put there to see how long it would keep. I went to him particularly because he seemed to be interested in it. I told him all that I knew about it.

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Col. Weston referred to the sickness of the troops, and said he attributed it to the climate and exposure. It was not due to the food they ate, but probably aggravated by men not eating all they should.

Q.—Was the question of supplying beef on the hoof considered? A.—It was considered impracticable. The lack of transportation was a difficulty. They could be landed easily enough and there was grass in Cuba, but I did not consider the island a cattle country. Gen, Davis—Were the pack trains under commissary or Quartermaster's officers? A.—Generally brigade officers.

Q.—And those officers had the choice of ment they wanted? A.—Yes.

Q.—What care was taken to protect the beef from the sun during its delivery in the wagons? A.—Oh, there was none.

Q.—Could it not be protected? A.—They were doing the best they could, Colonel.

Q.—What complaints were received by you about the refrigerated beef? A.—The beef was certainly refrigerated beef, because it would not last very long. No official complaint was made to me.

Q.—When refrigerated beef was spoiled, what remedy was there? A.—Come right back for more.

Q.—So you replaced it? A.—Yes; I replaced it and cut it away from the contractor. As to complaints about it spoiling, we took the officers' word for it. The loss fell on the army beef was that made by Armour & Co.,

The only other experiment made with the army beef was that made by Armour & Co., with a package of frozen beef to see if frozen beef would outlast refrigerated beef in a hot, sultry climate. It would not, so that class of meat was not used.

Capt. Geo. H. Beckham, Subsistence Commissary, for Gen. Sumner's brigade, said in regard to this Powell beef:

"Four quarters of beef in gunnysacks were hung up. I was told as an experiment. When they spoiled they were thrown overboard. No part of the beef was eaten by any one on the vessel. There was no other than canned beef aboard."

Lieut, James A. Cole said the same thing. He said further:

"The beef was no part of the ration. It hung in the sun fully three days. The canned meat was excellent. I ate it in Cuba and relished it."

This is what Lieut, H. H. Humphreys said: The refrigerated beef was brought up to the camps and dumped right on the polluted

ground, over which the troops and Cubans

The following question was put to Gen. Kent:

Kent:

Q.—What satisfaction did the refrigerated beef give? A—At Tampa it was excellent and a treat to the men. In Cuba it was not satisfactory for the reason that it frequently spoiled before the men received it. It would leave the refrigerator in the morning, Gen. Kent continued, and sometimes not reach the camp until evening. This was due to the absolute insufficiency of transportation. At no time did I have any suspicion that it had been treated with chemicals. I did not attribute the sickness of my command to canned beef. I thought the less we ate the better. better.

Major Swigert, stationed at Augusta, Ga., said that the refrigerated beef supplied there was excellent.

Col. C. A. Woodruff, Chief and Purchasing Commissary, at Governor's Island, N. Y., was asked concerning the statement that beef on the hoof had been used in Indian wars,

"In my twenty-five years in this department, during which time I furnished the supplies for nearly all of the Indian campaigns except the Wounded Knee campaign, and to my knowledge beef on the hoof was not taken along with the army in any of the expeditions."

GERMANY ON "EMBALMED" MEAT.

Gen. Miles Supplying the Fuel.

Berlin, Feb. 23 .- At the meeting of the German Agricultural Council to-day Baron Hammerstein-Loxten, Prussian Minister of Agriculture, attending, the Meat Inspection bill was discussed adversely, many of the speakers insisting that the measure discriminated against home producers in favor of the United States

Herren Mendel and Steinfels were applanded when they advanced "embalmed" stories as proving the necessity for a stricter inspection of American meats. The Council finally adopted a resolution declaring that German agriculture could only approve the bill on condition that it excludes the importation of sausages and specifies precisely the conditions under which foreign meats are to be admitted.

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Chicago Live Stock Review.

CATTLE.-Lighter receipts have not stimulated the cattle market during the week and there is nothing encouraging for immediately higher prices for the great bulk of steer cattle that go to fill the demands of the dressed beef, shipping and export trade, which seems to have lost some of its urgency recently. The best cattle here for the week to date of this writing sold at 5.85 and only a few loads have made better than 5.50, while bulk of fair to good steers have sold between 5.00 and 5.40and these are the same qualities, and as good or better in finish, that a short time ago were selling at 5.25@5.75, and, too, there are no inconsiderable number of dressed beef steers selling below 5.00, ranging at 4.60@4.90 and the immediate outlook does not afford much encouragement for improvement on current

In the fat cattle market prices range at 4.25@4.65 for fair to choice. In the stocker line prices, however, are decidedly easier than a week previous at 2.90@3.50 for general run of stock heifers and 3.00@3,75 for common to fair thin steers.

Fancy cows and heifers are about the same. but general run of butcher stock is 15 to 25 cents lower than ten days ago, and not much vim to the trade. Bulls are lower and dull. Veal calves not plentiful and prices firm with choice selling around 7.25.

Texas supplies have been liberal and the market has been on a down turn, declining 10 to 15 cents on Monday and not holding better than steady on succeeding days,

HOGS.—The price of live hogs has declined 25 to 30 cents, at which the trade seems to have weak and irregular pulse. Continued light movement of hogs appears to be the only condition out of which to expect improved prices and current indications are that, with the first advance to around or near a 4.00 basis, there will be a rush for market with hogs that were contracted before this slump began and another break will likely

Another condition, not apparent a short time ago, is that the packers are discriminating against quality, stags and old brood sows.

A somewhat new feature is the fact that the Eastern trade is taking a large proportion of light weight hogs, but the bacon houses are still holding out, so there is not much competition and "light" continue to sell at low end of the market range.

Pigs are off about 30 cents in the past week and are selling at a 3.25 basis again.

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· Bulk of all hogs this week have sold between 3.60@3.75, but with a fair showing at 3.80 on middle days of the week

SHEEP .- Arrivals of sheep and lambs have been more moderate, but the percentage of fed lambs is big, too big for the trade, Desirable sheep have ruled about steady, especially for heavy export qualities, but off quality has sold weaker, notably so on middle days. The heavy percentage of lambs has weakened the market severely and prices are off fully 15 to 25 cents. There is nothing to be said in encouragement for higher prices on lambs as there are known to be big supplies in the fed lots ready to be sent in. Sheep outlook, however, seems fair; good heavy exports selling, 4.40@4.45; other good sheep 3.80 @4.25. Best lambs 4.85.

Chicago Provision Market.

The same condition of affairs obtains now in the Chicago provision market that caused so much trouble last fall; in other words, the price of hogs is far too high compared with the price of product, and this notwithstanding that within the last three weeks pork has declined over \$1 a barrel, lard 50c. per 100, and ribs 55c. At the same time hogs have declined about 30c. per 100 from the top. The market has lost its snap. Last week witnessed the best unloading since the high point was reached, pork closing with a net loss of 421/2e., lard 271/2c., and ribs 21/2e. Stocks of lard and meats increased during the week, and the hog movements showed a decided enlargement. It was curtailed during the previous week by the extremely cold weather, but last week arrivals at the seven Western points aggregated 427,000, against 348,900 hogs the previous week, and 423,900 the corresponding week of last year. Shipments were 58,000, the largest in four years. Trade in meats has been fair for the season, and the export movement from Nov. 1 to Feb. 1 shows an increase of 40,000,000 lbs. over last year. The provision pit is trying to make out whether the May liquidation 'has That ought not to be under way before March or April; but the market started to advance a month earlier than was expected, and perhaps the spring reaction has set in ahead of the usual time. Provisions are very cheap, and if the doctrine of higher prices has any merit there should not be much left for the present on the short side. The outcome

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will depend most on corn. The provision speculation is fairly broad, although not what it was in January. Hog receipts, in the order of things, should fall off considerably in March. The South, with such high prices for cotton, is likely to be a good buyer beginning next month. The intense cold in the South this winter insures, it is predicted by those who ought to know, a healthful summer and freedom from fever. Notwithstanding the slump in prices, we are still firm believers in higher prices.

> RANGE OF PRICES. SATURDAY, FEB. 18.

SATURI	JAI, FED.	AC.	
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PORK-(Per Barrel)- May 9.87		9.70	9.70
LARD—(Per 100 lb)— May	5.55 5.65	5.42½ 5.55 5.67½	5.45 5.55 5.67½
RIBS—(Boxed 25c. n May 4.92 July 5.07 September 5.15	14 4.9214 14 5.0712	4.82½ 4.97½ 5.10	$\begin{array}{c} 4.85 \\ 4.97 \% \\ 5.10 \end{array}$
MOND	AY, FEB.	20.	
PORK-(Per Barrel)- May 9.60		9.35	9.35
LARD—(Per 100 lb)— May 5.40 July 5.50 September 5.62	5.40 5.521/ ₃	5.30 5.421/ ₃ 5.55	5.30 $5.42\frac{1}{2}$ 5.55
RIBS—(Boxed 25c. n May	4.80 4.90	4.65 4.80 4.921/ ₂	$\begin{array}{c} 4.67\frac{1}{4} \\ 4.82\frac{1}{4} \\ 4.92\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$
TUESD	AY, FEB.	21.	
PORK—(Per Barrel)- May 9.40 JJuly 9.67	0.571/2	9.35	9.55 9.77½
LARD—(Per 100 lb)— May 5.32 July 5.45 September 5.55	1/2 5.35 5.471/2	$5.25 \\ 5.40 \\ 5.50$	5.35 $5.47\frac{1}{5}$ $5.57\frac{1}{2}$
RIBS—(Boxed 25c. r May 4.72 July 4.87 September 4.90	1/2 4.77% 1/2 4.90	4.671/ ₂ 4.821/ ₃ 4.95	$\frac{4.77\frac{1}{2}}{4.90}$ $\frac{4.90}{5.00}$
A holiday.	SDAY, FEB	. 22.	

	THURSD	AY, F	EB. 23.		
PORK-(Per May July		9.62½ 9.82½	9.67½ 9.82½	9.57½ 9.77½	9.65 9.82½

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DANGEROUS FIRE AT THE CHI-CAGO STOCKYARDS.

(Special Telegram to The National Provisioner.) Chicago, Feb. 23.-Several of the largest packinghouses in the world were threatened with destruction by fire early this morning.

At 3:45 o'clock a fire started in the ham and smokehouse of Swift and Company, in the very center of the packinghouse district. Closely adjoining are the packing houses of Armour & Co., Nelson Morris & Co., Libby, McNeill & Libby, and the Chicago Packing and Provision Co., each separated from the other by the narrowest of streets. By hard work the firemen managed to confine the fire to the building in which it started. This building is new, just having been completed.

It took five hours to get the fire under control. Forty engines were needed to do this, One fireman was killed. The loss is estimated at \$250,000, one-half of which is on the building and the rest on the stock.

Swift and Company will immediately rebuild.

This was the most dangerous fire in the history of the stockyards.

Chicago Live Stock Notes.

Chicago received 220,500 of the 371,200 hogs received at the four leading Western markets last week. Chicago alone received 22,000 more than the corresponding week last year, while Kansas City decreased. Omahy decreased 1,000, and St. Louis increased 4,500,

(See page 42 also.)

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KANSAS CITY.

Live Stock Review.

Receipts of past week, with comparisons, as follows:

Cattle. Hogs. Sheep.

Kansas City	33,100	68,700	22,500
Same week 1898	33,189	94.246	19,291
Same week 1897	32,378	70.269	22,443
Same week 1896	29,804	53,235	16,607
Chicago	47,700	200,300	69,300
Omaha	12,400	36,800	30,700
St. Louis	15,500	43,700	4,400
St. Joseph	4,500	27,800	2,500
Kansas City	33,100	68,700	22,500
Total	113.200	377 300	129.400
Previous week			
Same week 1898	119,200	343,000	125,200
Samo wook 1907	102 000	200 200	102 800

Kansas City packer's slaughter:

Armour Packing Co. Swift and Company. S. & S. Co	Cattle. 5,143 5,297 4,297 794 84	Hogs. 26,504 19,868 3,532 4,824 10,189	Sheep. 9,458 6,502 1,040 223 9
Total	15,808	65,190	17,670
Previous week	14,543	56,506	13,474
Same week 1898	17,698	87,651	15,273

CATTLE.-While Monday of last week started out with good prices, the heavy receipts of cattle during the remainder of the week had a marked effect on prices, so that the decline ranged from 20@35c. per 100 lb on the various grades, and, what seems strange, the stockers and feeders holding their own better than any other grade. The highest price paid during the week for well finished cattle was \$5.60, but before the close of the week some equally as good sold at \$5.25. There was a good demand from Eastern shippers and the total number of cars going to the seaboard being 213 cars, the largest week since May, 1897. The previous week the total was only 107 cars; one year ago 130. The shipments of stockers and feeders for the week were 291 cars, against 243 cars for the previous week and 350 cars for corresponding week one year ago, the number shipped last week being 10,006, against 12,234 head for the same week last year. This week opened with somewhat a better feeling. Monday the receipts were 3,744; on Tuesday 5,930 head. So far not many well finished cattle offered, the highest price paid being for some 1493-lb average, at \$5.40. Cows and heifers have somewhat regained their lost prestige, some 1255-lb average cows selling at \$4, a bunch of 830-1b average heifers going as high as \$4.40. Rough bulls are slow sale and lower prices, but well finished bulls are still good prices; some 1960-To average sold as high as \$4.



Western cattle are in fair supply and prices so far this week may be called fairly steady; some 1136-Ib average steers sold at \$4.65. Some 960-lb average cows at \$3.10. Some 829-lb average heifers at \$3.65. Southern Texas are now coming in in fair supply; a bunch of 100 of 1406-Ib average sold at \$4.65. Another bunch of 138 of 1178-lb average sold at \$4.45. Some cows, 827-lb average, sold at A bunch of 1190-lb average cows sold at \$3.50. A few bulls of 1408-lb average sold at \$3.30, but a bunch of 82, of 928-lb average, sold at \$3. If the receipts are not too heavy, it would look as if the prices would be fairly steady for the week. To be sure. larger receipts would put a different phase on

HOGS.-The market on hogs for the past week on the whole was fairly steady until Saturday, when tops were some 10c. lower than former days, being \$3.75, and while the bulk for the week was pretty steady at \$3.55 @\$3.75, on Saturday the bulk stood at \$3.55@\$3.70. The shipments for last week were 3,050. The present week opened with fair receipts-on Monday 8.190 head, on Tuesday 17,365 head. Packers were slow in coming into the market on Monday, the quality was not good and the purchasers did their level best to force prices down 10c., which in some cases they succeeded, but not in others. The tops stood Monday \$3.65, with the bulk \$3.45@\$3.621/2; heavy hogs sold at \$3,55@\$3.65. On Tuesday the packers were again slow in coming into the market, and thought to depress prices some 5c, at least in valuation, but in this they did not succeed. The quality was good and there was a better demand from outside shippers, so at present writing the tops stand at \$3.70, with the bulk \$3.45@\$3.60, heavy hogs \$3.55@\$3.70, mixed packing \$3.40@\$3.55, light hogs \$3.30@\$3.35, with pigs at \$3@\$3.30.

SHEEP.—During the past week the market was very steady indeed and full prices obtained for all grades offered. This week the receipts on Monday were 5.448; on Tuesday 2.964 head. Among the sales this week may be noted: 739 Colorado lambs of 80-10 average, \$4.75; 487 Colorado lambs 78-10 average, \$4.70, and 248 of the same, 73-1b average, \$4.60. A bunch of 948 clipped Colorado of 66-Ib average, \$4.25. A bunch of 231 Colorado wethers of 102-lb average, at \$4.10; a bunch of 247 New Mexican yearlings, of 88-Ib average, \$4.35; a bunch of 527 Texas lambs, of 57-lb average, \$4.10; a bunch of 609 Oregon wethers, of 106-lb average, \$3.921/2. Good fat sheep are in scant supply and are bringing steady prices. Lambs and yearlings, however, as can be seen are about 10@15c. lower than former week.

Improvements in Shipping Cattle.

The accommodations made for cattle on board a modern cattle ship are luxurious in contrast with the cruelty and suffering attendant on their shipment in the early days of the trade. Their fodder is of the finest quality, their stalls are as comfortable as they can be made, and are lighted by electric light. With this greater care for the comfort of the beasts has come a largely reduced loss in transit. In this particular diection the war has brought about one salutary reform. The first steamers sent to Cuba lost in transit from ten to thirty-eight head. This loss, it is said, was caused almost entirely by the loading of cattle into the steamers by hoisting them with rope and pulley, the pulley being hooked into a rope about the base of the horns of the animal, allow the whole weight to be held up by the horns. This barbarous practice has now been discontinued, and all the steamers in the trade have ports large enough to allow of driving the cattle through them. Since the loading by hoisting was abandoned, the loss of cattle in transit has been very small .-Los Angeles (Cal.) Times.

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PACKINGHOUSE NOTES.

* F. F. Squire, of John P. Squire and Co.. Boston, Mass., was at his Chicago office during the week.

* The canning factory located at Cherry Creek, N. Y., will be enlarged this spring. The contemplated improvements include new machinery, large boilers and engines.

* A bill has been introduced in the Charleston (8, C.) City Council for the establishment of an abattoir to be operated by any company or concern under the protection of the city.

* The Palmetto Company, of 944 Drexel building, Philadelphia, Pa., issued stock for \$2,500,000. The purpose of the company is to manufacture glue and other products from the Palmetto plant.

Dubuque Packing Co., of Dubuque, Iowa, has been incorporated to do a general ment and packing business. The capital is \$30,000. The corporators are: Christian Schmitt, James Beach, E. J. Beach.

* The retiring president, Mr. John C. Mc-Coy, of the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange, was recently presented with a handsome chest of silver in appreciation of his services as its presiding officer for the past three years.

* H. W. Adams, W. H. Bartlett and M. W. Bartlett have formed a corporation to be known as the Adams Cattle Co., under the laws of the Territory of Arizona, doing business in the town of Glendale, in that Territory, with a capital of \$25,000.

* The John Boyle Company of Baltimore, Md., has been incorporated to do a general canning and packing business. The capital stock is \$25,000. The corporators are: John Boyle, Charles J. Brooks, Arthur E. Kidwell, James R. Seward and James V. Brooks.

* Robert Elliot of Milwaukee, Wis., has purchased the La Crosse Packing and Provision Company's land and abattoir at Medary, in that State. The price paid was \$12,500. This property cost originally \$125,000. The present plant was put up in 1889. It was a local enterprise, but did not pay. Mr. Elliot may refit the plant in a measure.

* The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad is said to have given the Newport News Abattoir Company twenty-five acres of land on its tract of fifty acres directly east of the railroad above the Old Point Junction. It is said that work on the buildings of the company will be commenced in a short time. In addition to the abattoir proper for slaughtering the cattle, the stockyards, the ice plant and storage houses, there will be erected a tannery to treat the hides, and a fertilizer plant to utilize the bones, etc.

At the annual election of the Kansas City (Mo.) Live Stock Exchange, these officers were selected for a year: President, W. S. Hannah; vice-president, I. H. Rich; directors, C. A. Davis, H. M. Sparrow, G. M. Walden; board of appeals, H. C. Offutt, R. C. White, William Epperson, Zeb F. Crider, F. B. Mitchener; board of arbitration, J. E. Hale, W. A. Rogers, R. H. Duke, C. G. Bridgeford, G. W. Campbell. The new president, W. S. Hannah, is a member of the firm of Wright, Hannah & Gilchrist and has been in the live stock business at the yards for thirteen years.

Mr. George Roper, representing a large Liverpool (England) packinghouse, while at Cincinnati, said regarding American pork: "We purchase annually American pork to the value of \$1,100,000, mainly from Chicago and Cincinnati, and it is a very popular article of diet with the British people, with the trade-continually increasing. Canada, however, where I have just been, is becoming a very formidable rival of the United States in the pork packing trade, and this is attributable, in a large measure, to their breeding a hog especially adapted to the taste of our market—a long, lean hog that will weigh about 225 pounds when ready for slaughter. We do not go in for very big or very fat hogs any more. Your pork producers would be wise to bear this in mind."

WHERE THE BORAX GOES.

The general public, the general agitator (the "yellow" organ), and many respectable people and journals are evidently disturbed by the fact that in our columns some of our clients advertise borax, boric acid and food preservatives which may or may not contain this or any other acid. They are disturbed because they are frightened of acids in general, and are disturbed because some of our advertisements speak of borax and boric acid as food preservatives. This disturbance of mind seems to have become abnormal because we have not explained all of this apparently direct evidence to convict the packers of using borax and boracic acid in canned and on refrigerated beef.

The packers have said that they do not use this or any other acid on their refrigerated nor in their canned meats. Dr. Bigelow, Prof. Clarke and Prof. Attwater, the eminent chemists of the United States government, have analyzed these products and found none of these acids. Our own laboratory tests verify the statements of the packers and these noted laboratory experts of our government.

These experiments do not contradict the well-known fact that borax and its acid go to Chicago packers, we are told. Certainly What use, we have been persistently asked, are these materials put to? We have been waiting for those who have so positively and specifically indicted the American meat industry for criminal intent and criminal practice to show as positively that boric acid is really dangerous if used, and then to as specifically show exactly where it is used. After so vile an indictment, and so wordy a prosecution of the case, we expected to see those who laid the allegation drive it home as charged, or to see them fail and nolle pros the case with apologies. None proper anticipations have been realized.

Common rumor has been taken from the tongue of the layman and passed from mouth to mouth. Having found nothing, and told nothing of consequence, the mouth blast goes on. We will furnish the information needed by giving the principal uses to which borax or boric acid is put. This information will doubtless startle many who did not know the facts before, and, at the same time, show a

field and a clientage large enough to warrant the existence of concerns whose capital and operations, if you please, run into millions of dollars.

Remember this: Boric acid is not really an acid. It is a salt. In fact, it is called "boron salt." If an acid, it is the mildest acid in existence. But to its uses.

The packers use borax. They roll the hams, cured and fresh meats which go to the United Kingdom in borax because the British importer when he gives his order gives it with this instruction: "To be packed in borax."

We export to the British Isles 964,000,000 pounds of hogs, sheep and cattle products aunually. The Briton knows the value of boron salt if the American does not. Those sturdy Britishers are a pretty healthy looking lot of 'poisoned" people. They are at once struck with our dyspeptic-looking visages. Well meat packers need borax in which to roll these annual million pounds of meats which go to "perfidjous Albion" to give the British lion his healthy roar. Less than 1 per cent... or one pound of borax to the 100 pounds of ment, is used. Anything under 2 per cent. promotes digestion and aids health. For the above purpose the American packers use about 10,000,000 pounds of borax per year.

The meat packers of the United States use about one-sixth of the borax consumed in this

The meat packers also use borax in making soaps. Several of these big concerns are the biggest soap manufacturers in America. Many millions of pounds of this by-product are made annually by our large meat packers.

Boric acid is used in nearly all of the dairy products, such as milk, butter, etc. The enormous size of the American dairy industry is generally known and needs no figures to express it. Whether for fresh, canned or bottled milk, for butter or other products, the dairy products carry about 1 lb, of boric acid to 200 pounds of the product in which it is used. This is on the basis of a half per cent. Millions of pounds of boric acid are used yearly in this connection.

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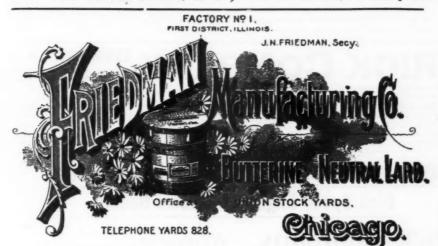
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We thus see how the meat packers, the fish packers, the milk packers and people, and the vegetable packers and picklers use it. All of them use it in such ridiculously small quantities that the most sensitive doctor could not assail its use in those industries in those minimum quantities.

Tanners use it for softening the water used in the tanning process. It assists in keeping the natural gelatine in the hides, making the leather better. Millions of hides are annually tanned in this country. This fruitful source and side-partner to the meat slaughtering interests, take enormous quantities of borax.

The starch makers use it. They buy carloads upon carloads of it every year. They find borax a proper ingredient in their business. It is their secret. We leave it there.
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Borax is generally sold for household and pantry use. There is scarcely a respectable household which hasn't borax in some form or other within its door.

Every doctor prescribes it in his daily practice and uses it in nearly every surgical and chemical case.

Every hospital in this country employs borax and boracic acid as an antiseptic and for internal use for its patients.

Every drug store in the land and every manufacturing chemist carries a stock of both borax and its acid. The manufacturing world generally does not purchase from these sources of supply. There are more than 200,-000 drug stores alone in the United States. To these can be added the wholesale chemists and unattached professional, college and private laboratories which use these chemicals.

The cotton and the woolen mills of the country use borax. It is a mordant. It keeps the sizing of the mills sweet. It prevents the woolens from shrinking by keeping the

fibres from curling. It is used in the coloring of calicos to prevent the color of the print from running out. It keeps calicos from fading. Enormous quantities of this matter are used by our great mills for the above pur-

Borax is also used in all of the large public and smaller private laundries to soften, the water and to assist the wash without injuring the fibre of the fabric.

The enameling concerns of America use more borax than do the packers. It is used on all enameled ware. This industry is a vast one in this country, and it takes millions of pounds of borax annually.

The extensive crockery ware manufacturers and pottery makers use borax extensively and consume vast quantities of it every year in their respective businesses

All iron welders, jewelers and factories where the brazing of bicycle and other tubing is done use borax. Each of these three industries is a large one and requires immense quantities of borax. Millions of pounds of it are needed annually by these trades.

The stiff hat manufacturers use it for cutting the shellac. There are nearly half of seventy million people using stiff hats. The hat manufacturing business of America is one of its biggest and most important industries. The quantities of borax used by the hat people may be easily imagined.

There are others. But these will do, we think.

We have traveled far outside of our clients, but those named are clients of our advertisers who sell the borax, boric acid and preservatives about which there has been such public comment and so much private inquiry.

We are through, Do you, reader, know some of the commercial uses for borax and its acid, and are you satisfied about the quantities? Do you see a big enough market in these avenues to warrant the existence of large companies which sell this product? If not, go and ask each industry just how much it uses and you will be amazed. The meat packers only use it as we have told you. That is all.

The partnership between John Reilly and Matthew T. O'Reilly, at Providence, R. I., was recently dissolved. Mr. O'Reilly succeeds to the murket business and will continue it.



New York Produce Exchange Notes

Fig. B-8

Produce Exchange memberships have sold at \$300 and are quite firmly held.

Walter Sebastian Kramer (Richardson Kramer & Co., brokerage and provisions) was proposed for membership by Dan B. Smith, and John Miller (C. B. Richards & Co., steamship agents and ship brokerage) by C. W. Rowley.

Visitors at the Exchange: J. Dewey, J. R. Godman, Martin M. Schultz, O. H. Boughhost, J. Buckingham, J. Nessler, J. F. Smith and A. T. Frinewell, Chicago; John M. Kennedy, Cincinnati; W. L. Green, Jr., St. Louis; T. J. Venseman, Buffalo; John Gordon, Buffalo; J. A. Sammis, Minneapolis, and T. T. McLaughlin, Detroit.

Cudahy's Chief Credit Man.

S. W. Bassett, head of the credit department of the Cudahy Packing Company of South Omaha, Neb., was in the city during the first part of the week. He left on Mon-day for the West. Mr. Bassett was merely making a periodical trip.

The Frick Company's Useful Catalogue.

The Frick Company, engineers, of Waynesboro, Pa., has issued an expansive catalogue. in which they give much useful and instructive information about the ice machines they manufacture. It is pointed out that the desire to buy cheap machinery is a mania with many purchasers. It is shrewd to buy at a fair price; but beyond a certain limit, cheapness is to be avoided; it is not true economy; it is false economy.

"He is a public benefactor that conducts an honest trade, and he is wise who pays the full value of his purchase."

The splendid mechanism of the machines and refrigerating machinery of the Frick Co. is too well known to require lengthy comment in these columns. The company says: "We wish it distinctly understood that we build only high grade machinery of the most modern and efficient type, strong, durable, convenient, economical, handsome, and on the inter-

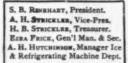
changeable system, and carry details in stock. We solicit critical examination and exhaustive tests by competent persons.

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-The slaughterhouse of Joseph Ambruster at Mauch Chunk, Pa., has suffered \$1,500 damage by fire.

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Ice Refrigeration

-Fire in the Haymarket Square, Chicago, damaged Arnold Bros.' meat business \$10,-

—The Independent Ice Co., of Cleveland, O., has increased its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

-A large cold storage plant is to be built in Havana by Chicago capital. W. B. Crosby will fit in the refrigerating machinery.

—E. E. and Manville Gant, of Greenfield, Ind., have purchased the Klotz Bros.' ice plant at Lebanon. The price paid is said to have been \$6,000.

—Frank X. Haser has purchased an ice plant of thirty-five tons capacity at Lansdale, Pa., and also the Effrig pork packing establishment in the same town for \$16,000.

—The Clarion Creamery Association of Clarion, Iowa, has been incorporated with a capital of \$1,500. The corporators are: G. L. Mechem, president; J. F. Buck, vice-president; A. P. Morton, secretary, F. W. Zastrow, treasurer.

—It is said that Frank K. Haser, of Marcus Hook, Delaware Co., who purchased the Effig meat packing plant at Lansdale, Pa., recently, will convert it into a brewery at no remote date. The plant cost \$75,000, and was bought for about \$16,000.

—The Superior Street Market, Toledo, O., will be improved. The Washington and Superior street building will be purchased and the land from Lafayette street to the alley at a cost of \$72,000. The enlargement and installation will be elaborate. The city authorities are busy with plans, etc.

—The Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Beef Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, has been incorporated with a capital of \$5,000. The corporators are: John A. Howard, John S. Colwell, Arthur J. Birdseye, William B. Fox, and Robert Scannel. Messrs. Howard, Colwell and Birdseye are of Forty-fifth street and First avenue, New York City.

—Manufacturers of machinery and appliances for the making of artificial ice and cold storage warehouses had a fairly prosperous year in 1898, and the business is extending on every hand just as fast as improvements of the old processes and the invention of new ones simplify the industry and make results more certain. There is a good deal to learn yet in the best methods of applying cold storage.

age to delicate and perishable food products, but that is so of all trades, and American ingenuity leads the world in overcoming obstacles in this line, just as it does in others. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were invested in ice plants in 1898, and that amount will be largely increased in 1899.—Augusta (Ga.) Herald.

-The leading ice manufacturers of Kansas and Missouri at a recent meeting at Kansas City organized the Kansas and Missouri Ice Exchange. Owing to the vast crop of natural ice gathered this season, one of the leading manufacturers said that there was nothing the artificial manufacturers could do but meet the natural iceman's price this summer on the commodity, or shut down their plants. During the course of the conference Mr. C. A. Lorey, agent of the National Ammonia Manufacturing Co., had this to say in regard to liquid air: "It will never be a practical commercial commodity. My company, the syndicate, has millions at stake on this question, and when the discovery of liquid air was made I was sent to all the great European laboratories to study the possibilities of its being put on the market. My work took me to five European countries. I spent months in investigating the subject. I gave my company a full report, supported by the opinions of all the leading experimenters and scientists. The first pound of liquid air made by Lord Kenyon cost £500 sterling. That it can never be manufactured economically is the judgment of the leading scientists at the present

Henry Vogt Machine Co.

The Henry Vogt Machine Co., of Louisville, Ky., has just closed a contract with the National Quick Ageing Spirits Co., of that city, to furnish them one of the former's standard 25-ton refrigerating machines, this to be erected at once. The Vogt Company also commenced this week the erection of a 15-ton plant for the Water Supply Co. at Georgetown. This plant will have a capacity of 30-tons a day.

A sad fatality happened to Thomas O'Neill, a butcher employed at the South St. Joseph (Mo.) packing plant of Swift and Company. His two brothers, Edward and Jack, cut him to pieces during a quarrel over money.

DECREASE OF EXPORTS.

In the last edition of the "American Sheep Breeder" the necessity of exporting sheep in healthy condition is thus convincingly treated:

"Only 184,596 live sheep and lambs were exported to the United Kingdom from the United States and Canada during the last fiscal year, as against 422,603 in the sheep exporters' heyday of 1896. Commenting on this remarkable decline in our export trade in mutton sheep, a well-known and acknowledged authority on mutton recently said before a New York audience that the cause of this decline was the want of high class mutton, good enough for British taste and demand. The real cause for the serious decline in this trade is not in the inferior quality of the product as compared with earlier years, but is traceable direct to the recklessness of sheep exporters, who were so anxious for immediate profits on their sheep that they were willing to imperil a great and growing trade by shipments of scab-infected sheep. Warned repeatedly that this carelessness would surely result in the ruin of the trade, both the shippers, and the government authorities, whose duty it was to put a stop to the dangerous and reprehensible practice, paid little heed to protests both at home and from abroad until the day of reckoning came. The result is that our yearly export trade in live sheep and lambs has fallen away below 200,-000 head at a period when it might easily have reached 1,000,000 head. It is true that our mutton sheep are susceptible of great improvement both in breeding and feeding, but they are not so poor as to have practically dissipated a splendid and increasing trade. No country on earth can successfully compete with the United States and Canada for supremacy in the live sheep markets of Britain if only the proper safeguards are observed and our sheep landed in perfectly healthy con-dition. This will never be done except under rigid and inflexible government supervision."

Against the Willis Cattle Bill.

The Board of Aldermen, of Buffalo, N. Y., passed resolutions recently disapproving of the Willis Cattle Bill, now pending in the New York Legislature, which, if passed, would, it is claimed, prove disastrous to the live stock market at East Buffalo, and divert thousands of dollars in trade from that city. It was directed that the members of the New York Legislature be earnestly requested to defeat the passage of the bill.

The Sydney Preserving Co.

Mr. J. B. C. Miles, secretary of the Sydney (Australia) Preserving Co., has given out the following figures showing the business of the company during 1898. There were killed, 957,618 sheep and 3,789 cattle. The shipments for the year were as follows; 114,563 cases preserved ments; 3,114 cases extract of meat, and 12,132 casks of tallow (6,820 tons).

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Exports of Provisions.

The same

The exports of pork, bacon, hams and lard from the principal Atlantic seaboards, their des-tination, and a comparative summary for the week ending Feb. 18, 1899, is as follows:

PORK, BBLS.

To	Weekending Fel 18, 1899.	b. Week, 1898.	10
U. Kingdom Continent So. & Cen. Am W. Indies Br. No. Am Other countries	1,825 662 114 1,298 654 15	1,849 1,621 98 2,959 46 26	34,300 19,551 6,403 35,814 5,057 258
Total	4,568	6,599	101,383
HAM	IS AND BACK	ON, LBS	
U. Kingdom Continent So. & Cen. Am. W. Indies Br. No. Am Other countries	2,053,025 4 61,725 581,600 1,200	0,962,657 1,314,922 14,975 151,650 4,200	237,597,927 51,093,606 1,992,750 3,572,202 15,225 231,275
Total	13,094,731 24 LARD, LB	,448,404 S.	294,502,985
U. Kingdom Continent So. & Cen. Am. W. Indies Br. No. Am Other countries		7,555,253 7,128,436 415,365 758,340 49,320	$\begin{array}{c} 92,583,161 \\ 133,626,532 \\ 6,445,830 \\ 8,461,935 \\ 61,430 \\ 647,320 \end{array}$
Total	9,223,151 15	906 714	941 990 909

Week ending Feb. 18, 1899.

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New York	2,466	5,493,575	3,132,150
Boston	949	4,623,325	2,385,325
Portland, Me		432,600	31,936
Phila., Pa		1,176,050	192,601
Balti., Md		133,490	328,719
Norfolk, Va		****	2,711,637
Newport News			231,858
New Orleans.	10	8,625	208,925
St. John, N.B.	1,143	1,227,066	*****
Total	4,568	13,094,731	9,223,151
COMI	PARATIVE	SUMMARY	ť.
N	lov. 1, '98,	Nov. 1, '97	
	to	10	Increase.
F	eb. 18, '90.	Feb. 19, '98	
Pork, lbs	20,276,600	16,645,600	3,631,000

Pork, 10s..... 20,276,600 16,645,600 3,631,000 *Hams, B'n, 10s.294,502,985 298,423,863 Lard, 10s..... 241,829,208 217,224,587 24,604,621 *Hams, Bacon, decrease, 3,920,878 lb,

U. S. Appraisers' Decisions.

The following decisions were handed down this week by the United States Board of General Appraisers:

Feb. 17. Booth & Co., New York.

The merchandise in question consists of sheepskins with the wool on. The collector reports that the skins were passed free of duty, but that the wool was assessed at 3c per pound, under the provision of par. 358 and 360, Tariff Act of 1897. The importers make two claims, as follows: First-That the merchandise is free of duty under par. 664 of said act. This paragraph allows free entry to skins of all kinds, raw, "except sheepskins with the wool on." The appraiser has found and reported that the skins in question contained, or were covered with, more than 1,300 pounds of wool, of class 3. The importers have introduced no evidence as to the character of the skins, nor have they attempted to bring their case within the rules laid down by the Board for "shearling sheepskins" in the case of In. re Bloom, G. A., 4,300; nor do the skins appear to be of that kind. The contention of the importers is, therefore, overruled, as without merit. The second contention made by the importers is that the wool or hair upon the skins is of no commercial value. For the reason already set forth, this claim would likewise appear to be unten-The protests are overruled on all able. grounds, and the decision of the collector affirmed in each case.

CATTLE DVING BY THOUSANDS.

On account of the prolonged and severe drought in Australia, stock are dying by the thousands. Pastoralists and graziers are very much discouraged thereby. There seems to be no sign of a break in this severe hot spell there.

WAT THE Mr. E. S. Carpenter Dead.

We regret to announce the death in New York, last week, Feb. 16, of Mr. E. S. Carpenter, who was for a number of years the treasurer of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. The funeral took place in Pittsburg and was largely attended. Mr. Carpenter was a man of keen ability and fine judgment, and his demise is a loss indeed.

The war was all over before our bandbox General took to the field, and the welkin was made to ring with the praises of Dewey, Shafter, Sampson, Schley, Wheeler, Roosevelt and other valiant fighters who couldn't get to the front quick enough. Something had to be front quick enough. done to bring the ambitious aspirant for a Lieutenant Generalcy to the front, and what method was left but to jump onto the army beef?-Drovers' Journal.

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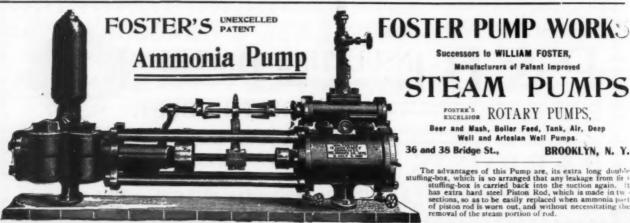
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ROOFING.

An entirely new departure in the line of roofing has been adopted by several packers in the country by the use of Asphalt Felt and Asphalt Mineral Rubber Cement for roofing packinghouses, in lieu of the old tar and tar paper products. The destructive action of chemicals, and the variations of temperature have compelled packers to look for a material would withstand these conditions. They have found that genuine Asphalt Mineral Rubber answers all requirements, makes the best and most durable composition gravel roofs ever used, and can be applied upon buildings with a pitched roof of 6 to 8 inches to the foot.

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U. S. SALTED PORK IN SWEDEN.

Consul Bergh, of Gothenburg, Sweden, writing to the State Department, under date of Jan. 13, says:

"According to statistics furnished by the meat inspection office of this city, 2,949 sides of salted pork have been imported from the United States during 1898, and trichinae have

been found in twenty-three pieces. Complaint is frequently made of packing of corned beef and horse meat, the barrels being of poor quality or carelessly handled by the cooper; so that the brine leaks out during transportation, and the meat arrives in bad condition and is consequently condemned by the inspecting officer."

An important industry in the form of the Peoria Chemical Co. has been launched at Peoria, Ill., for the manufacture of a combination laundry and toilet soap. The company is incorporated with a capital of \$50,000 by J. S. Stevens, Dr. J. C. Roberts and W. S. Kerr, with headquarters in the Woolner building.

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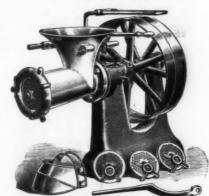
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The frozen meat industry, with which is closely allied the preserved meat, extract and tallow boiling industries, is domiciled from Normanton in the Gulf of Carpanteria right round the Eastern seaboard to Adelaide. Nearly all the works are situated either close

to or handy to the shipping ports, while oth-

few hours they are sent to the freezing chamber and frozen at once, after which they are also put into calico bags and transferred to the stores or warehouse.

The freezing accommodation of some of the works run up to 3,000 sheep, or that equivalent of beef daily, while the storage accommodation of some is equal to 60,000 carcasses of mutton.

The machines in use for many years were those working on the mechanical cold air system, but their heavy cost in fuel and general taining the lower temperatures required (at the country works from 4 to 6 degrees Fahrenheit) to place the meat hard frozen and in a satisfactory condition on shipboard. These low temperatures are especially necessary if the meat has to stand the long journey required by the meat of the Rivernia Co., which is an average of seventeen hours between loading into trucks and thence into ship.

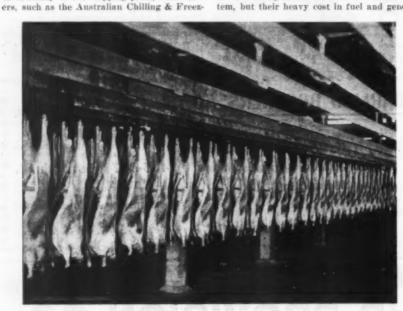
The works situated near the shipping send

their meat on board either by means of carts, trolleys or lighters, all depending upon their situation and readiest means of transport. The county works, of course, depend entirely upon railway trucks specially built for the frozen meat traffic. These trucks are insulated and are airtight, the insulating materials, of which there is about six inches, being made up of layers of soft wood, airtight insulating papers with about four inches of chemically prepared cowhair-the latter being found after very extensive tests in our hot climate to be not only the very best insulating material obtainable, but also one of the lightest, a very great consideration in truck insulating, where lightness of materials is of great moment. By means of these trucks meat can be placed on shipboard at a temperature of from 10 to 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

Nearly all of the steamers and ships in the trade use mechanical cold-air machines, but some few now use the carbonic anhydride system. Ammonia machines are not used at all, principally on account of the danger from accident, and as nearly all the refrigerated steamers carry passengers, owners will do nothing to injure this branch of their business. Cold air (mechanical) machines are also favored because they are considered to be most suitable for the carriage of fruit, of which many steamers carry considerable quantities during the season.

The meat on shipment is stowed as closely as it will go (see sketch), the mail and line steamers carrying from 15,000 to 45,000 carcasses of mutton each, while the great frozen meat boats carry from 60,000 to 100,000 carcasses of mutton or that equivalent in beef—about three carcasses equaling one quarter

These vessels are insulated generally with



THE FROZEN MEAT INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA.

Carcasses Cooling.

ing Co.'s Works at Aberdeen and the Rivernia Frozen Meat Co.'s Works at Deniliquin, are inland; the former being about 90 miles and the latter 200 miles from the coast; but these latter works are so well served by railways that their situation is rather an advantage so far as cost of manipulation and the better handling of the live stock and dead meat are concerned.

In the most modern and highest class works the arrangements of the departments for the manipulation of the ment, together with the tallow and other by-products are carried out on the most approved principles, so that the operations are carried out on the most economic lines and everything turned out in the best condition, while the buildings themselves are of a very substantial nature. The principal feature in all these works is, of course, the freezing department, which, on account of the generally very hot climate, has to be massively built and substantially insulated, there being generally from 18 to 20 inches of solid pumice insulation used besides the necessary timber, felt and ruberoid. Air spaces are not much thought of, principally because by the contraction and expansion of the timber and other materials through the changes of temperature they are never tight, and the sole reliance is therefore put in the insulation, and necessarily so, because of the very low temperatures required, more especially by the country works, to insure successful ship ment of the meat.

The meat after being killed, if beef, is run into the chilling room and cooled down to about 32 degrees to obviate all risk of bone taint, after which it is transferred to the freezing chambers, where it is frozen hard, afterwards being wrapped in calico and placed in the stores to await shipment. But if mutton or lamb be operated on, there is little or no danger from bone taint, and after the carcasses have been allowed to hang for a

expensiveness has led to almost the whole of them being discarded, their place being taken either by direct expansion ammonia machines or by ammonia machines expanding in brine and cooling the circulating air; all being of the latest and most approved patterns in use in America and Great Britain. There



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Carcasses Freezing; Before Bagging.

is, however, a decided favor shown to the direct expansion system, as it is found to be much more economical in fuel, more rapid and drier in freezing and more efficient in mainfrom 10 to 12 inches of charcoal or other material, and the machinery installed should be, and generally is, powerful enough to maintain the cargo at an average temperature of from 12 to 15 degrees Fahrenheit. For the proper carriage of frozen beef and mutton the temperature should never be allowed to go higher than the latter point, as the risk soon begins at anything higher and results in damaged meat, insurance claims and all sorts of trouble.

Although we have learned a great deal about this industry during the last few years, we still have many things to get over, and one of the most vital is that of damaged cargoes, and in this our greatest obstacle is the careless manner in which ships sometimes look after their insulation, and also the careless way in which the temperatures are maintained after the ship gets to sea.

Charcoal, which is almost exclusively used in vessels, has proved to so very unsatisfactory and dangerous on land, although it is a good insulator that now it is almost everywhere tabooed in Australia, and kiln dried pumice, the product of New Zealand, is substituted in its place. The latter is almost as light, keeps drier, is germ proof and absolutely indestructible by fire, while, if a fire does take place, it is a great help in putting it out.

Ship owners are very slow in seeing all of this, but, as they have recently had one or two bad fires, besides having trouble with damp charcoal, they are now paying more attention to pumice.

With regard to the question of hard freezing versus chilling, the latter has had and is still receiving a great deal of attention, in the hope that we may yet discover the means of making it possible in the beef trade. But when it is considered that our beef is now between 45 and 65 days from port to port-not allowing for the time stored before shipment nor after landing-and carried in very large quantities by each steamer, it will be seen what a difficult problem we have to solve, Our experience goes to prove, and the experiments have been many and varied, that meat will keep sweet chilled for about 38 daysafter that, if it cannot be landed and used, it must be frozen hard to save it, or it will certainly then go bad. Then, again, chilled beef must be carried hanging, which takes

ried almost preclude any such idea, while lambs, very curious to say, suffer much less from freezing than either beef or mutton, in fact, are not one whit worse and sell so well in London that there is no great wish to have much better means of transport.

The principal advantage which frozen has over chilled meat is that it can be carried much more cheaply, especially over long distances, keeps an indefinite period and can be held to suit the market or consumption, which cannot always be very well done with chilled

inadequate, and the consumption meagre—as the shipment and holding of chilled meat would be very expensive under these conditions. Our experiences in the supply of South African ports bears this out and you will no doubt find it the same in the West Indies.

Summing up the Australian frozen ment trade, while we have been terribly handicapped by successive years of drought, rendering fat stock suitable for shipment scarce, the business is capable of immense expansion. When it is considered that Australia



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Frozen Mutton in Stores.

meat; besides, our experience is that once frozen, it is much less trouble and stands much less chance of getting damged than chilled meat, especially in hot climates.

Considering frozen meat versus chilled meat from every point of view that we know

(without including New Zealand or Tasmania) after all the bad seasons still runs 82,000,000 sheep and 10,700,000 cattle, something remarkable will happen in the way of export when once the country is blessed with a series of good seasons similar to those enjoyed prior to the setting in of the drought, for not only are there the works capable of treating the stock, but British shipowners, recognizing the importance of the industry are fast building immense refrigerated steamers to compete for the carrying trade; so that everything points to an immense expansion in the Antipodes.



The Department of State has received from the German Embassy at Washington, under date of Jan. 21, notice of the international veterinary congress to be held at Baden on August 9-14, 1899. The subjects to be discussed include prophylactic measures to prevent the spread of cattle diseases by the export of animals, treatment of tuberculosis in domestic animals, use of flesh and milk of animals affected by tuberculosis and requirements for inspection of meat, cure of foot and mouth disease and diseases of swine, dissemination of veterinary instruction, preparation of a uniform anatomical nomenclature in veterinary medicine, and care of rabies. The members of the congress shall consist of delegates from foreign countries and the German Empire, representatives of veterinary and agricultural societies, representatives of state and communal offices of public health and public hygienic institutes, and veterinarians who record their names and pay 12



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Carcasses Freezing; After Bagging.

up a great deal of room, while frozen beef is packed close like herrings in a barrel, and is therefore carried in the least possible space.

We have never made any very genuine attempt to ship chilled mutton, always recognizing that the immense quantities to be car-

of, the latter is an impossibility for Australia with our present means and knowledge; and this also applies to any other country which wishes to send meat over long distances and hold it at its destination for any time—more especially if that destination be warm, means

—The Crystal Ice Co., of Fall River, Mass., has been incorporated. The capital stock is \$10,000. The corporators are: Aime, Homer and Joseph A. Barre.

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WEEKLY REVIEW.

All articles under this head are quoted by the ib. except animal oils, which are quoted by the gallon all in packages.

TALLOW-The market here has leaned in the buyers' favor. In fact, that has been the temper of affairs all over the country. But declines have not been as marked anywhere as in New York, with the city in hhds. sold here at 1/4 decline and the various lots of country arriving here at from 1464 off the best figures that prevailed in the recent activity. the weakness has not had back of it anything especial from the other side. Indeed, the English markets are stronger, with the London sale on Wednesday at 3d. advance, while the cable said "600 casks were sold out of 800 casks offered." The continent advices have not been of easier markets, but the trouble has been that there has been no continent demand here, while England as well has been indifferent over the offerings here. Aside from this indifference on the part of exporters, the market has had to contend with the meagre interest of home buyers. soap trade has been very indifferent over offerings of tallow for fully a fortnight, while previous to that time it had stocked up freely with it; then, again, the business in soap itself has quieted; this manufactured goods business had been exceptionally active for a period of fully two months previous to the first of February, through which distributers and consumers generally had become liberally stocked with soap, and the present diminished business is the natural reaction from it. There is no reason to expect other than a renewal of life in the near future in consideration of the healthy surroundings, and especially in the ample supply of money all over the country and the good business prospects. But the fact remains that tallow has been affected recently to lower prices by the slackened condition of trading in it, and which has permitted more of an accumulation of it than had been possible previously for some time, although the current supplies could be considered as very moderate by comparison with ordinary holdings. After sales of 200 hhds. city on Tuesday of this week at the decline to 41/4. it was thought that the accumulations of city here for the week would be about 400 hhds. There are steady shipments to the other side of this city in hhds on consignment, and with the production of

one of the melters as well going in regularly to a consumer, together with a make of about 225 hhds, going in weekly to the home trade on contracts, there is not a very marked quantity left to make addition to holdings, and it would take some time to get a very burdensome holding here, even with stagnant conditions of business, At the decline in prices that has taken place this week we regard the position as fairly steady, and it looks now as though the contract deliveries of 225 hhds, would go in at 41/4. Although if there is a change in this price it will be noted further along in this review. The country made sold in lots for the week at 4%@4%, as to quality, for 250,000 hs. The Western mar-At Chicago, prime packers kets are slack. renderers, 41/4; prime country, 41/44; No. 2 do., 31/2@35/8.

On Thursday the market was steady in New York at the decline that had been made on Tuesday, as above noted, to 41/4 for city, with 41/4 further bid to-day, for 50 hhds., and an indisposition to sell at that. The contract city in hhds, went in for the week at 41/4. (For Friday's closings, see page 42.)

OLEO STEARINE-The local refiners are taking up moderate quantities, with more prompt sellers at the price of the previous week. Sales of 150,000 lbs. at 5%. At Chicago an easier market, with prompt sellers at 5%, and 175,000 lbs, taken at 5%.

On Thursday it was more difficult to get 5% here, and the consumers were not bidding openly over 51/2. It was not, however, possible to buy under 5%, while the pressers were not carrying more than moderate stocks after the steady fair sales to the home trade. At Chicago there were sellers at 5% and bids scarce over 5%.

LARD STEARINE-There is a restricted order of business. But little Western is coming here, and it would probably be impossible to get 6% for it. The exporters are making some inquiries for city. Sales of 125,000 lbs. city on p. t.

GREASE-A large business at the West latterly has made the markets there stronger than New York; the receipts thence are consequently very light. Full late prices, however, are held here, but there is only a moderate trading going on. Sales have been 700 tes, white at 3\%a24\%, and 500 tes, yellow at 3\%. "A" white quoted at 4\a24\%; "B" white at 3\%. bone and house at 31/2@35%, and yellow at 31/4@33%

GREASE STEARINE-The export markets are fairly interested over the offerings here and the general business is sufficient to keep up prices very well, although there is perhaps more difficulty than recently in obtaining the rates. White quoted at 41/2, and vellow at 41/4.

LARD OIL-The manufacturers seem fairly well supplied, or at least in a position to await a steadier position, since with the recent lower cost of lard the oil has been on offer at concessions, however more regular it has been within a couple of days. The exporters have taken a few lots, and the busi ness from the home consumers may be called moderate. Sales are at 45@47.

CORN OIL-On export account a fair degree of activity has been noted, and the suplies on offer are not excessive, with a strong market. Quoted at \$3.35@3.75 as the range for large and small lots. (For Friday's closings, see page 42.)

Spinach is useful to those suffering with gravel.

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619.289. MANUFACTURE OF SHEET METAL CANS OR BOXES. Frederick W. Feaver, London, England. Filed May 23, 1898. Serial No. 681,495.

APPARATUS FOR MAKING FERTILIZERS. August Nitsch, Breslau, Germany. Filed Dec. 21, 1896. Serial No. 616.525.

SPRING COMPUTING SCALE, Walter F. Stimson, Milan, Mich. Filed June 6, 1895. Serial No. 551,815.

619,369. SHIPPING PACKAGE. William B. Thompson, Detroit, Mich., assignor to the Gem Fibre Package Co., same place. Filed Dec. 11, 1897. Serial No. 661,516.

619,460. COMBINED SPRING BALANCE AND READY RECKONER. William S. Andrews, Woodside, New South Wales, as signor of one-half to John Book, same pince. Filed Dec. 23, 1898. Serial No. 700,125. 619,545. PURIFYING OILS. Charles Cul-

mann, Hamburg, Germany. 24, 1897. Serial No. 663,402. Filed Dec.

619,633, FERTILIZER AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME. Charles H. Thompson. Teignmouth, England. Filed June 5, 1897.

Serial No. 639,605. 619,681. CAN-SOLDERING MACHINE. Elmer F. Dorsey, Kansas City, Kan. Filed June 10, 1898. Serial No. 683,076.

619,686, BARREL. Robert T. Hargroves, Churchland, Va. Filed Nov. 2, 1898. Serial No. 695,298.

619,688. STOCK PEN. Frank B. Linn, Lenexa, Kan. Filed July 6, 1898. Serial No. 685,239,

Designs.

30,195. SPIGOT AND BUNG BORER. Byrd A. Page, Petersburg, Va. Filed Dec. 31, 1898. Serial No. 700,861. Term of patent, 7 years.

Trade-Marks.

CERTAIN NAMED CANNED GOODS. H. C. Baxter & Bro., Brunswick, Me. Filed Jan. 18, 1899.

32,506. REFRIGERATORS. Maine Manufacturing Co., Nashua, N. H. Filed Nov. 28, 1898. Essential feature, the word "Mountain." Used since December, 1895.

NEW CORPORATIONS.

THE SANITARY REFRIGERATING CO., of Belding, Mich. Capital, \$100,000.

FLYNN SHEEP CO., Des Moines, Ia.; to do a general live stock business. Authorized capital, \$24,000. Incorporators: Martin Flynn, C. F. Miley, T. F. Flynn, F. P. Flynn, John M. Flynn.

CLARION CREAMERY ASSOCIATION, of Clarion, Ia. Capital, \$1,500. G. L. Mechem, president; J. F. Puck, vice-president; O. P. Morton, secretary; F. W. Lastrow, treasurer, and G. J. Mack, directors.

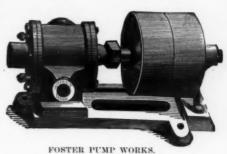
CHAUTAUQUA CRYSTAL ICE CO., of Jamestown, N. Y. Capital, \$30,000. Directors-S. B. Broadhead, J. T. Wilson, Eleazer Green, Charles G. Lindsay, W. W. Wilson and R. C. Bradshaw of Jamestown, and Jerry Gifford of Lakewood.

Gifford of Lakewood.
H. O. W. CATTLE CO., Kansas City, Mo. General live stock business. Authorized capital, \$25,000. Paid in, \$25,000. Incorporators: Grace H. Hawry, John H. Hawry, Boston, Mass.; B. F. Deatherage, O. G. Young, F. W. Flalo, Jr.
BERLIN DELLMAR, LIMITED, of New York City, to manufacture soaps; capital, \$10,000. Directors—Theodore Berdell, of Summit, N. J.; Charles P. Berdell, of Goshen; John A. Stewart, Jr., of Short Hills, N. J.; F. Harold Van Rensselaer, of New York, and Louis L. Coudert, of Cranford, N. J.

The Foster Pump Works.

We are pleased to present with the accompanying illustration a brief description of a few of the justly popular and widely-known pumps manufactured by the Foster Pump Works, of 36-38 Bridge street, Brooklyn, N.

These pumps are all heavy composition lined, composition piston, seats and stems, with tobin bronze piston rods; they are also made with longer stroke, rendering them more economical of steam consumers. In the firm's catalogue is shown among the other illustrations a picture of one of their brine pumps which is specially built for pumping brine connected with ice machines or salt brine arrangements. All of its parts are



made of the best material and the pump is now used by a large number of ice-machine manufacturers. The upright artesian well pump is peculiar for its special form of direct acting and is designed for pumping from nonflowing artesian or bored wells, and from driven wells, where the water does rise within twenty-five feet of the surface. This direct-acting artesian well pump is especially desirable in furnishing pure well water for ice manufacturing. A large number of the Foster patent ammonia pumps is in use by breweries, ice companies and packinghouses, who with many others have given testimonials of high regard for the superior grade of goods from the Foster Pump Works.

Pork Packing.

Special reports show the number of hogs packed since Nov. 1 at undermentioned places,

compared with last year	, as follows	6:
Nov. 1 to Feb. 15-	1898-99,	1897-98.
Chicago	3,020,000	2,405,000
Kansas City	1,100,000	1,140,000
Omaha	720,000	485,000
St. Louis	675,000	470,000
Indianapolis		393,000
Milwaukee, Wis	155,000	218,000
Cudahy, Wis	252,000	252,000
Cincinnati	275,000	251,000
St. Joseph, Mo	411,000	
Ottumwa, Iowa	256,000	215,000
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	180,800	168,900
Sioux City, Iowa		
Marshalltown, Iowa		
St. Paul, Minn	130,000	114,000
Nebraska City, Neb	97,000	
Wichita, Kan	51,000	56,000
Louisville, Ky	182,000	160,000
Cleveland, Ohio.,	148,000	178,000
Bloomington, Ill	37,900	26,500
Clinton, Iowa		11,500
Above and all other		7,505,000
	-Price	Current.

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MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

HIDES.-A considerable amount of stock has been moved and sales would doubtless have been larger had it not have been for a scarcity of stock. Prices are firmly sustained, despite some report to the contrary. An ordinary selection of almost anything but heavy cows is fairly market-

No. 1 NATIVES, 60 lb and up, free of brands, are closely sold up. They continue nt 11%e

No. 1 BUTT BRANDED STEERS, 60 lb and up, continue nominally worth 101/6c

COLORADO STEERS have had a fair demand at 9%c. Heavies are in some accumu-

No. 1 TEXAS STEERS are worth 101/2c. Light stock has the call.

No. 1 NATIVE COWS, free of brands, are not an important factor. They are, however, firmly held at 11c.

BRANDED COWS have moved in a moderate way at 10c

NATIVE BULLS (flat for grubs), 9%c. COUNTRY HIDES.-The country market is not in so strong a position as it might be. This is probably more on account of the absence of buyers, deterred by the recent inclement weather, than for any other reason. We quote:

No. 1 BUFFS, free of brands and grubs, 40 to 60 lb, are worth 9%c. There has been comparatively little doing.

No. 1 EXTREMES, 25 to 40 lb, are now offering at 10c.

BRANDED STEERS AND COWS are worth 8%c. for an ordinary bundle selection. HEAVY COWS, free of brands and grubs, 60 Ib and up, continue nominally worth 9%c.

NATIVE BULLS have sold in small instalments at 81/2c. flat.

CALFSKINS .- An ordinary selection of country stock sells for 12%c.

KIPS, 15 to 25 lb, are now worth 101/2c. DEACONS, 55@75c. SLUNKS, 25@30c.

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KANSAS CITY.

The sales of hides for last week footed up to 11,000 at full prices, with the outlook pretty much of a packer market. This week. however, there was a feeling of unrest, as it in all the packer's realizations—that the February hides are not the cream of the year's take-off. Sales already this week run up to some 9,000, heavy Texas going at 10%c, which is a quarter decline; butts and Colorados still holding their own very firmly, but as was expected, native cows are decidedly a shade weaker, and a clearance sale made by one of the packers of some 4,000, running about 60 per cent. heavies, at 10%c. While the other packers are still holding at 11c., and some talk lights at 111/4c., there is no doubt but that clearance sales will be made at lower figures from present outlook. Native steers are also perceptibly weaker, and Februarys can be bought at 11%c., with the tendency downward, and it will surprise no person to see some of February and March hides selling at 111/2c.; in fact, that would be a better price than the 11%c. for January, taking the quality of the hides into consider-Branded cows are still in such light supply that they are held very firmly at 10c., though some outside sales reported at 9%c. though of a heavier average than the Kansas City. Most of the packers are decidedly wide awake in the matter of not holding too tenaciously to their February hides; the tendency is to sell if the shade is but a fraction, and some packers are very free in offering future take-off at present prices, so that at present writing it is not what may be called a strong packer market. Some packers, to be sure, are very firm at the old prices, but their hides are at present neglected.

SHEEPSKINS are again in good demand, and the different houses are pretty well cleaned up. One house sold 7,000 lambs at from 621/2665c., and some 6,000 wool pelts at \$1.10. The tendency just now is to ask higher prices, simply because no stock to

BOSTON.

Tanners are holding off, despite which holders are very stiff in their views. We quote: very stiff in their views. We quote:

BUFFS (nominally worth), 9%c.

CARROLL S. PAGE,

NEW ENGLANDS, 9%c. CALFSKINS are in excellent demand by tanners of colors

SHEEPSKINS .- No change in the situation.

PHILADELPHIA.

Supplies are light and there is comparatively little doing. We quote: CITY STEERS, 10@101/2c.

COUNTRY STEERS, 91/2@10c. CITY COWS, 10c. COUNTRY COWS, 91/2@10e. COUNTRY BULLS, 81/2@9c. CALFSKINS .- Supply inadequate to demand

SHEEPSKINS.-The usual call for fresh stock.

NEW YORK.

CITY SALTED HIDES.—The market is well cleaned up, with little doing at present. There are a few natives on hand. We quote: No. NATIVES, 60 lb and up, 114@11%c. BUTT BRANDS, 101/4@101/2c. SIDE BRANDS, 94/694/2c. CITY COWS, 101/2@10%c. NATIVE BULLS, 9@91/2e.

SUMMARY.

CALFSKINS .- (See page 35.)

HORSE HIDES, \$2@\$3.25.

The packer market continues in a well sustained position, although its present closely sold condition precludes any very heavy trading. Almost every variety with the exception of heavy cows are well disposed of. These latter are in some accumulation. The country market contrary to the usual precedent seems to be altogether out of accord with its contemporary, and is in rather a weak and chaotic condition. This can probably be asscribed at least partially to the fact that the bad weather has prevented buyers from There doesn't seem any other coming on. good reason as it is pretty generally understood that many tanners have reached a point where a renewal of supplies is virtually imperative. The strongest feature of the Boston, Philadelphia and New York markets seems to be calfskins. Generally speaking there is very little doing in these centers with this exception

CHICAGO PACKER HIDES-

No. 1 natives, 60 lb and up, 11%c; No. 1 butt-branded, 60 lb and up, 10%c; Colorado steers, 9%c; No. 1 Texas steers, 101/2c; No. 1 native cows, 11c; under 55 fb, 11c; branded cows, 10c; native bulls, 9%c.

CHICAGO COUNTRY HIDES-

No. 1 buffs, 40 to 60 lb, 9%c.; No. extremes, 25 to 40 fb, 10c; branded steers and cows, 8%c; heavy cows, 60 lb and up, 9%c; native bulls, 81/2c. flat; calfskins, 123/4c. for No. 1; kips, 101/c. for No. 1; deacons, 55@ 75c.; slunks, 25@30c.; horse hides, \$3.40; sheepskins, packer pelts, \$1; country pelts, 50 @85c.; country shearlings, 25@40c.; packer lambs, 85c.@\$1.10.

PHILADELPHIA:

HYDE PARK, VERMONT.

Country steers, 91/2/010c; country cows, 10c; country bulls, 81/69c.

NEW YORK

No. 1 native steers, 60 fb and up, 111/4@ 11%c; butt-branded steers, 101/4@101/2c; sidebranded steers, 91/4@91/2c; city cows, 101/2@ 10%c; native bulls, 9@91/2c; calfskins (see page 42); horse hides, \$2.00@3.25.

HIDELETS.

Norman I. Rees, the well-known New York tanner, has returned from the South.

Fritz Reinhart, of the big German patent leather house, of Doerr and Reinhart, is touring Canada.

A member of the firm of Hatch & Ritscher, attorneys, of Chicago, has recently been in Boston, Mass., attempting to secure options

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on the upper leather tanneries in the vicinity of that city. He claims to have obtained enough concerns to make the project a success. The name will be the American Hide and Leather Company, with \$60,000,000 capital, or such other sums as will be found necessary to acquire the property. Of this property one-half is to be 7 per cent. non-cumulative preferred stock and half common. The promoters offer to purchase the desired tanneries, either in cash, half cash and half stock, or all stock, at the option of the owner. It is proposed to pay for the merchandise, plants and good will, according to expert appraisal, tanners, to guarantee their debts, but they will be allowed to receive their bills receivable. Pfister, Vogel & Co., and leading Milwaukee tanneries, it is said, instigated the movement. The company has no connection with the United States Leather Co., the latter company only manufacturing sole leather. The American Company does not expect to secure complete control of the trade, but only the leading tanners.

Answers to Correspondents.

X. Y. Z.—Our book upon the Manufacture of Sausages contains all that information you ask and a great deal more. It is a book which will be just what you need in your proposed line.

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WEEKLY REVIEW.

Quotations are by the gallen, in barrels, in New Tork, except for crude in bulk (tank care) which are the prices at the mil's.

FIRM BUT OUIET MARKET.

It is a uniformly strong position, especially for prime oil, without especial briskness to trading. So far as concerns New York the amount of business going on is of a very restricted order, but this market is not counting so much as a guide as usual in arriving at the healthy features of the product. The absorption of the supplies of prime oil as they come on offer in Texas from time to time gives the clearest ideas of the situation of that class of goods, while the off grades offer most significance in the Western demands at the It must be admills for soap purposes. mitted that the off-grade oil is in a position to withstand the indifference of exporters for a longer time than usual, and in that respect offers a marked comparison with its situation in previous years. Despite the fact that the off-grade oils will be produced for the season more abundantly than ever before, yet their consumption has kept in a corresponding ratio, and the stocks are not burdensome anywhere over the South, It is probable, however, that the stocks of the off-grades are accumulating a little faster than at any previous time latterly, since the mills had been busy until recently filling large old contracts,

while some of them have at present contracts to complete, but on the whole they are having increasing quantities to sell, and unless the demands improve in the near future the position may be a little uncertain over grades under prime, however steady it is held at present. Buyers have been quieter over these offgrade oils for several days here, and at the South for the following reasons: The fact that the tallow market has become even slacker and is 1/4 lower, while the trading in it has become of a very conservative order, and as well from some falling off in the trading in manufactured goods. Whether the soap trade is likely to come up to brisk activity again in the near future may depend the prospects for off-grade oils. The country has had a prolonged period of unusual animation in staples generally, and the current diminished volume of business may be regarded as the natural reaction from it. The impression seems general that after a brief rest, in consideration of the abundance of money in all directions, that commercial affairs will again take on decided vitality. That all grades of oil will be used up closer than last year seems altogether probable, but that prime oil will all be needed before the season closes is counted upon with most confidence, The further supply of prime that Texas will be able to furnish cannot be more than of moderate volume; that State was probably never before so closely sold ahead of all grades, while each week shows a greater number of mills there closed, and another month will probably completely wind up productions there for the season. The stock of prime is so small in Texas that its holders are able to name pretty much their own prices on any urgent demand. Strictly prime oil will hardbe on offer shortly in any material quantity except as it comes out in the way of resales. The production of even off-grades of oils in Texas is shortened on the liberal absorption of the seed supplies previously for the season and their present small offering. For prime crude in tanks in Texas, 201/2 is bid and to 22 asked. The Mississippi Valley is selling a good deal of off-grade crude in tanks at 15@17, and quotes its better grades at 18@20, although there are no buyers at the outside figures. The near Atlantic sections are marketing their off-grade crude in tanks at 14@171/2, while where they have a little choice crude it is placed essentially all to its local refineries and at a strong price. The easier lard market early in the week probably had some influence in quieting the demand for oil, but the fact that lard has failed to advance in its prices to the degree that had been looked for by a large number of its traders, or to show the activity that had been expected by this time, tends to calm affairs momentarily all around, although prices of the oil have not been disturbed since the statistical position for the oil is a more important factor than any current variations in the lard market. But unquestionably if lard was stronger, tallow would be benefited, since upon most occasions traders in the beef fat product get some confidence from an improved lard market, and oil would work in harmony with both products, but more particularly this year with the tallow position. The exporters continue a very cau

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tions policy. Most of the markets on the other side seem to be inclined to wait developments, while they are holding fair accumulations, most of which had been bought to cost less money than the current figures laid down. Crude in bbls, in New York quoted at 21@22; sales of 600 bbls, at 21@21½; sales of refined, 2,000 bbls, prime yellow at 256251/s. with choice yellow, including butter_grades, held at 276r20, and 600 bbls, butter sold at 28@29; and prime yellow at 25 bid and 251/2 626 asked; 1,250 bbls, good off-yellow in lots at 24; and a choice lot do., or season's prime, at 24½; 1,100 bbls, white at 31@32; winter yellow at 30@31. (For Friday's closing see page 42.)

Cottonseed Oil in Texas.

Correspondence of The National Provisioner.

Dallas, Feb. 17.-Cottonseed oil has been sold here at 20c, the past two weeks, and buyers are offering 20@21c. and in some cases 211/2c. as a "special inducement," and are still unable to buy all that they ask for. The buyers are responsible for this condition of affairs, as the mills have sold a lot of 13c. oil for deliveries as late as March, and they naturally feel somewhat annoyed at delivering oil at 13c, with prices ranging from 18@21c. There seems no reason to expect a better market from this time on until after the 15th of March, as there are very few "short" buyers left, and the latter will be able to pick up what they need to tide them over at the prevailing prices. The indications are that there will be a rapid advance in the prices offered for prompt and early shipments after about the middle of March. There seems to prevail among the buyers an impression that the present high prices will bring out more seed for the mills, but there is no seed to speak of to "bring out," as all the seed has, as a rule, been disposed of.

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The fact that seed sold for a few days in parts of Texas at as much as \$12.50 per tonabout twice the price that it has been selling for on an average during the season-is evidence that seed is now hard to get and not to be got at all in many localities. During Feb. 1 and Feb. 15, possibly 300 tanks were sold. This, too, with a standing offer of 20c. by more than one buyer.

The Cooper (Tex.) Cotton Cil Co.

The Cooper (Texas) Cotton Oil Co., which was recently incorporated, as noted in last week's issue, will begin the erection of a 50ton plant in about a month. The officers of the company are: J. B. Dale, president; W. A. Gary, secretary and treasurer, and W. T. Jackson, manager. The directors are J. B. Dale, Jr., W. A. Gary, W. T. Jackson, F. J. Phillips, W. B. Samuels and J. B. Clayton.

The Hillsboro (Texas) oil mill plant is to be increased from a capacity of 125 tons daily to 250 tons. The city council has been petitioned for permission to erect the necessary sheds and conveyancers and the petition will be granted at the next meeting of the council.

The Mason Soap Co., of Des Moines, Iowa, is being organized to begin operations at East Fourth and Vine streets in the building formerly occupied by the Crystal Soap Co.

A movement is on foot in Dalton, Ga., to build a soap factory at that place. Ale "Citi-zen," a leading paper of the city, is one of the leading spirits in the movement.

SHORTAGE OF MANITOBAN CATTLE.

According to the Montreal (Can.) "Gazette," its latest mail advices from Winnipeg state that fat cattle are likely to be pretty scarce before grass cattle come into the market again, unless the winter keeps very mild in the range country, so as to enable butchers to get supplies from the West. The range country, however, cannot be relied upon for fat cattle during the winter and spring. The Manitoba cattle went into winter quarters in poor condition, owing to the long spell of wet, cold weather in the fall, and the number being fed for buying is said to be limited.

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QUOTATIONS FOR BEEVES New York).

Totals to all ports...... 2,137

Good to prime native steers				
Medium to fair native steers	4	60	. 5	10
Common native steers	4	25	. 4	81
Stage and Oxen	2	75	8 5	00
Bulls and dry cows	2	25	8 4	01
Good to prime native steers one year ago	5	00	8 6	21

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LIVE HOGS.

The prices on live hogs was considerable lower this week, as the railroads are now delivering shipments from the West, as usual before the storm of last week, which was the cause of the high prices. We quote:

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CHICAGO.

Union Stock Yards—Hog market fairly active at yesterday's best prices; light hogs, \$3.50 a3.72½; mixed packers, \$3.55a3.80; heavy shipping grades, \$3.55a3.82½; rough packing grades, \$3.55a3.60. Hogs closed steady; packers bought, 17,200; shippers, 6,000; left over, 2,500. Estimated receipts of hogs for to-morrow 20.000. to-morrow, 20,000,

CINCINNATI.

Hog market opened strong; closing easy at \$3.15@3.85.

EAST BUFFALO.

Hog receipts 20 cars; sale market active and higher; Yorkers, \$3.80@3.85; pigs, \$3.65@3.70; mixed packers, \$3.85; mediums, \$3.90@3.97½; heavy, \$3.90@3.95; roughs, \$3.25@3.40. Batimated receipts of hogs to-day, 31 cars; shipments, 20 cars; shipped to New York, 16 cars; official to New York, 16 cars; official to New York yesterday, 18 cars; on sale, 26 cars, with holdovers closing steady for good grades, dull and slow for pigs, with 50 loads unsold. Heavy hogs closed at \$3.95@3.97½; light Yorkers, \$3.70@3.75.

EAST LIBERTY.

Hogs steady; best medium weights, \$3.90@3.95; good to best heavy weights, \$3.85@3.90; good Yorkers, \$3.90@3.85; common to fair Yorkers, \$3.70@3.75; pigs, \$3.50@3.60.

INDIANAPOLIS.

Hogs steady, \$3.60@3.85.

PEORIA.

Hog market opened strong; closed weak, advance mostly lost; light, \$3.40@3.62½; mixed, \$3.50@3.75; heavy, \$3.60@3.75; rough, \$3.30

ST. LOUIS.

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LIVE POULTRY.

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DRESSED SHEEP AND LAMBS.

There was a fairly good demand this with prices ruling lower. We quote:	veek.
Good to choice lambs 8	. 85
Common to medium lambs	. 8
Good to prime sheep 7	a 75

DRESSED POULTRY.

Receipts last six days, 9,922 pkgs.; previous six days, 9,578 pkgs. Advices from middle Western sections are not large, but from the Southwest the shipments are reported free. The general market is dull and tone weak on most kinds. Fresh turkeys are of very irregular quality and rarely desirable. Western fowls moving slowly. Old cocks are easier in sympathy with fowls. Fresh Western ducks and geese dull and unchanged. Some further movement in frozen poultry from first hands. Turkeys and soft roasting chickens are rated fairly steady. Fowls dull and weak; ducks about steady. We quote:

FRESH KILLID.		
Turkeys, Selected young hens, fancy, per lb. 12 %	9.	13
" Mixed young hens and toms, fancy 11%	-	19
" Selected young toms, fancy	-	1034
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" Western, fancy	-	14 %
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Ducks, Western, prime 956	-	
" fair to good 5 1/2	-	814
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" fair to good 54	-	736
Squabs, choice, large white, per doz 3 50	*	3 70
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PROZEN.		

FROZEN.		
Turkeys, hens, No. 1	a	1850
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" young toms, No. 1	8	1256
" No 2 94		10%
Chickens, soft-meated		1234
" No. 1	8	1144
" No. 2 8%		94
Fowls, No. 1	8	10%
13 No. 2 81/6		94
Ducks, No. 110%		114
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Smoked hams, 10 lbs, average	9	91
" " 12 to 14 " "	834	9
" heavy	814	84
California hams, smoked, light	61	6,
" heavy	6	61
Smoked bacon, boneless	816	9
" (rib in)	8	8L
Dried beef sets	14	15
Smoked beef tongues, per lb		16
" shoulders	516	6
Pickled bellies, light,	736	36
" peaks	616	7
Fresh pork loins, City	8	85
" Western	634	7 9
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BUTTER.

Receipts last six days, 36,807 pkgs.; previous six days, 2,2105 pkgs. Some receivers enjoyed a little better trade the latter part of the week, owing to the fact that some of the buyers who held off the first part of the week, expecting to secure an advantage, were taking a hold, but in other stores business was very quiet. A good deal of the butter in this week is not up to the high standard that jobbers require when paying the top rate, and it is on these faulty goods that the easy feeling is noted. We quote:

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CHEESE.

Receipts last six days, 7,445 boxes; previous six days, 6,823 boxes. Holders report a pretty good run of out-of-town orders, and with moderate buying of local jobbers the market is well sustained throughout. Possibly the tone has strengthened a little this week, as a result of better trading. We quote:

State.	full cream.	fall-made, large colored, f'cy	a11
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EGGS.

Receipts last six days, 28,695 cases; previous six days, 22,923 cases. The advices we have from the interior are very strong; Western distributing markets are very high and the moderate stocks here are held at a further material advance. Advices indicate cold weather again prevailing in many Western and Southwestern sections, and invoices at hand are of small quantities in transit. We quote:

State and Penn., average best, per doz 29 %		30
Western, fresh-gathered, firsts		2914
Washington, fresh-gathered, firsts 29	8	291/
Kentucky, fresh-gathered, choice29		29 5
Tennessee and Va., prime		29
Other Southern28		29

THE FERTILIZER MARKET.

The market is about the same as last week. Prices ruling steady. We quote:

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POTASHES, ACCORDING TO QUANTITY

Kainit, future shipment, per 2,340 lbs	8	70		8	95	
Kainit ex store, in bulk	9	60	81	10	68	
Kieserit, future shipments	7	00		7	25	
Muriate potash, 80 per cent., fut. shp't	1	75	8	1	85	
Muriate potash, 80 p. c., ex store	1	88		1	90	
Double manure salt (48a 49 per cent. less than 2% per cent. chlorine), to arrive.						
per lb. (basis 48 per cent.)	1	01		1	13	
The same, spot	1	06		1	20	
Sulphate potash, to arrive (basis 90						
per cant.)	1	995	68	3	98	3
Sylvinit, 24 a 36 per cent., per unit 8. P.		36	6		37	3

BALTIMORE FERTILIZER MARKET.

The market for ammoniates still remains quiet. We quote:

Crushed tankage, 8 & 20, \$13.50 per ton f. o. b. Chicago; crushed tankage, 10½ & 12, \$16 per ton f. o. b. Chicago; crushed tankage, 9½ & 15, \$15.50 per ton f. o. b. Chicago; crushed tankage, 9½ & 20, \$14.50 per ton f. o. b. Chicago; concentrated tankage, \$1.37½ 1.40 per unit f. o. b. Chicago; hoof meal, \$1.40 per unit f. o. b. Chicago; ground blood, \$1.57½ 2.10 per unit f. o. b. Chicago; crushed tankage, \$1.70 & 10 per unit c. a. f. Baltimore. Sulphate of ammonia foreign and domestic, both \$2.62½ 2.65 c. i. f. Baltimore and New York.

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CHEMICALS AND SOAP-MAKERS'

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76	81	Caustic Soda 1.65 to 1.70 for 60 per cent.
60	44	Caustic Soda 1,65 per 100 lbs.
98	69	Powdered Caustic Soda, 2%-3 cts. lb.
58	0.6	Pure Alkali
48	68	Soda Ash 95c \$1 per 100 lbs.
Cry	stal C	arbonate Sods
Oar	bonat	e of Potash 4 to 4% cts. 1b
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		4% to 5cts. lb.
		ive Oil \$8 to 62 cts gallon.
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Yell	low O	live Oil \$6 to 60 cts. gallon.
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Cey	lon C	ocoanut Oil 5% to 6 cts. 1b.
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		ed Oil 28-30 cts. gallon.
		\$2.00 to \$3.00 per 280 lb

SAUSAGE CASINGS.

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SPICES

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8.6	Penang, White	17 -	18
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BUTCHERS' SUNDRIES.

Fresh Beef	Tongue		*****	50	to 65c a piece
Calves' hes	ds, scald	led			to 50c a piece
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Calves' live	F8			4	0 to 60c a piece
Beef kidne	ys				8 to 10c a piece
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Oxtails					8 to 10e a piece
Heurta, bea	of		*****		5 to 20c a piece
Rolls, beef					
Butts, beei					6 to 8c a lb
Tenderioin	s, best				22 to 80c a lb
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ONLY HALF KILLING IT.

The anti-trading stamp bill has been introduced in the Legislature at Albany. If the Legislature passes this measure that proper act will place the Empire State in line with the other States which have enacted such a statute. The bill now before the lawmakers at Albany is to prohibit any person, corporation, or persons from issuing, selling or giving any trading stamp, coupon or similar gift ticket with the promise that he will cash it with an article of value which is not of the value of the amount represented in the coupons. This is the weakness of the bill. The question of value should not enter into the matter. There should be absolute prohibition of this left-handed lottery scheme which is based solely on bunco principles. Of course, some act is better than none, but quibbles create trouble. It is the purpose of the bill to make a violation of its provisions a misdemeanor and to bring the punishments under the Penal Code of New York.

If the marketmen are not careful this well meaning bill will be crippled by a prohibitory leg and an indorsement leg. The trading stamp man may force the issue by giving value for the money after deducting his profit, to which he is entitled as an indorsed trader. When the butcher gets this furniture "of value" and gives it to his customer, or when the customer gets it from the stamp's store, what benefit has the butcher received from the transaction? All the trading starsp man will have to do is to adjust his business to the "of value" class and go ahead piling on his suave oratory for business. He will legally lift up the butcher leg and hop along on his Legislative permit to give stamps and goods "of value," Kill the stamp body and soul. Wipe it out. The scheme itself is not "of value,"

DRY COLD AND WET COLD.

Refrigerator cold is much drier than the natural cold outside. If meat were frozen by the outside air its juices would in a measure be drawn to the surface, and when the thaw came, these juices would run out, thus leaving the meat without flavor, and bereft of much of its food value. That explains why the packer runs his refrigerator plant when the thermometer is 30 degrees below zero just the same as he does in midsummer, when the air is almost at boiling point. The packer is aware that it looks silly and senseless to the outside public to do this, but the packer knows his business. For the above reason the wholesalers have had much trouble during the recent severe cold weather to keep their carcass meat from freezing, and from losing both weight and juice when thawing.

WILL HE JOIN A UNION?

A Massachusetts family, near Boston, ate more than \$1,200 worth of one provision dealer's groceries without paying a cent, thus far, for that privilege, hence the dealer complains. That is the penalty some foolish marketmen pay for cultivating trade and holding custom on unbusiness methods. The fact that the mem bers of this family go in "sassity" is only the usual fact in such cases of large credit. The fact also that the members of this family pass the creditor's store door and flaunt their social status in his face is only another instance of the brazenness of the tolerated dregs which drift about in a circle which some honest ancestor ennobled. The tradesman cannot go into their parlors. He should keep them off of his books and join an organization which will help him to make their stomach's pinch them and their dishonest natures.

ICE AND SLUSH.

Last week the East and the West side slaughterhouses and refrigerators were banked in with snow. The street cars could not run. The delivery vans could not ply about the streets for two days, and the butchers could get no solace by crawling through and over the heaps of snow which choked the city, Whole beef trains sat banked on the tracks on the West side and business was at a standstill. This week the piles are down, the gutter sare running streams, the streets are areas of slush, and butchers are hurrying their wagons for meat from the coolers, and their orders for ice and cold blast to cool it these summer days. For the last ten days price. snow and slush have been the butcher's

The Meat Fight in Toledo.

They have quit thinking of Manila out in Toledo, Ohio. They yell "beef!" like they do in Boston, but at different personalities. The butchers object to the packers doing any semblance of a retail business. They claim that R. Y. Preece and the packers are furnishing the big hotels of the city and getting the cream of the business. That is the easus belli. The hotels, like the St. Charles, the Boody, and the Jefferson, say that the butchers do not keep the variety nor the quantity on hand that they need. They could, possibly, if they had a list of the things needed and a chance to keep them. Anyhow, the butchers have delivered their usual trade ultimatum, and those packers who are selling to the hotels say they will not yield. The unfortunate thing that usually follows is a slaughter in prices. We expect this news next. Cleveland is at the bat; Toledo on deck. Is Cincinnati next? Which next?

Must Give Guarantee.

The London "Meat Trades Journal," of which Mr. Field, M. P., ex-president of the Federated Meat Trades Association of Great Britain is a stockholder, says:

"The Hull Butchers' Association have resolved not to buy cattle or sheep at auction above a certain price unless accompanied by a guarantee that if the stock is condemned as diseased within five days the price shall be refunded. At the market on Monday the auctioneers objected to such terms being sprung upon them, and declined to submit, but the butchers adhered to their resolution, and some of the auctioneers gave the guarantee desired."

Rejected Meat.

The butchers and the provision dealers of Charleston, S. C., are in a merry squabble over the selling by the latter of commercially "rejected ment." Charleston does \$1,000,000 trade per year in locally "rejected meat." This does not mean that the meat is tainted nor diseased, for one ham of a hog may "pass" and the other be "rejected." The same is true of butts, shoulders and other parts. meat exchange requires that meats have a specified commercial trim. If a knife slips and the cuts are irregular, they are rejected. They are also rejected if tainted or diseased. The butchers of Charleston desire to stop the sale of "rejected" meat. Salted butts going at 5 cents per pound brings on a serious conflict with the fresh beef dealers, especially when the poorer and negro population believe that one-half pound of pork equals one pound of beef in food value.

The Charleston exchange inspectors watch every slip of the trimmer's knife and every irregularity, such as a bruise on a ham, which renders the piece not up to the prescribed standard of the local exchange. The butchers claim that under the guise of selling sound irregular cuts, the dealers really vend those and the unsound cuts as well. The dealers reply that the slaughterers not only tell what they know to be untrue, but that these fresh meat butchers sell tainted and diseased meats to the public. In the meantime the public is demanding the appointment of meat inspectors for the city. To this popular demand both sides of the meat quarrel say: "That suits me." And each also says: "That suits me most because I can stand it best." this is true, the inspector will be embarrassed by the open arms of the "dry salted butts" and "butcher beef" parties.

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Springfield's Great Banquet.

The Retail Butchers' and Grocers' Protective Association of Springfield, Mass., had a great time at their annual banquet Tuesday evening of last week. The ice clog and lazy mails did not bring in our report until too late for press. Craftsman Plummer managed the affair. The music was rendered by the Delphian Mandolin and Guitar orchestra during the elaborate and rich dinner. The toastmaster for the evening was Alderman J. F. Callanan, president of the Eastern end of the National Association and late president of the Springfield Association.

Alderman Callahan said: "The object of our organization is to unite the interests of the trade, and to exchange information as to delinquents. With one exception, the whole-salers had stood by the retailers and declined to sell direct to consumers

Mr. George (Mark Twain) Kellogg of Hartford, Conn., made a great hit:

ford, Conu., made a great lift:

"I have read in the Holy Writ that sometime there will come such an era of fraternity and love that there will be none to harm and that even the lion and the lamb will lie down together. May not this occasion be the ushering in of that happy condition? May not the wholesaler, upon this occasion, with all his self-possession, his well-kept form, with diamonds sparkling on his shirt front and upon his fingers, with the absence of fear in his eye, and his altogether august presence be called the lion? And how like the lamb is the timid, retiring, modest retailer, hardly daring to call his fleece his own in the presence of the lion? Here we see the lion and the lamb lying down together. Usually when they have lain down together the lamb has been inside the lion. (Laughter.)

"What has brought about the change? We, as retailers, have been jealous in the past. We have not had interests in common. Thanks to the Retail Butchers' Protective Association, our eyes have been opened and a new feeling has fortunately been created be-

Thanks to the Retail Butchers' Protective Association, our eyes have been opened and a new feeling has, fortunately, been created between us. The feeling should be fostered and nourished. We have learned that no man liveth or dieth by himself. We have learned the truth of the saying, 'Behold, how good and how blessed it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' We should see that all the retailers are enrolled in our association, so that each may do his part, and we, as a class, may demonstrate that we are honest."

Lawyer W. G. McKechnie spake on "De-

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Lawyer W. G. McKechnie spoke on "Department Stores." He said:

"When men ally themselves together it shows their purpose in life is earnest, and it must meet with a great reward. It is an illustration of the brotherhood of man. When a young lawyer has a case for which there is no defense the old lawyer invariably advises him to go in and abuse the adversary. I don't know anything about department stores, I stand here to abuse the adversary. The department store is a product of the evolution of our time. Society, which cuts out the root of its own evils, killed the evil of Medievalism, and produced trade guilds, which became monopolies. This was the extinction of the unskilled workman. Society killed that and gave the house industry and the merchant, the middleman. With him came the capitalist class. Then came the factory system and modern machinery, which gave us the trust and department store. To-day there is a line between capital and labor: not that there are not mutual helps, but there is a division line. "Are the department stores and trusts evil? It is a question whether, if properly managed and under proper laws, they would not give an equal distribution of wealth, but to-day they concentrate capital which is not distributed again, as would be the case if the small tradesmen had the business.

"Legislation has been attempted against department stores. A law limiting the number of them has been declared unconstitutional. We may rail at them, but in my opinion it is not possible to pass any law against them that the Supreme Court will uphold. The foot of the evil is in the social system. It can only be cured by the application of the same cure as that which killed the guilds and the house industries. The evil will work out its own solution. Collectiveism will not do it. One way is by State control."

The Dubuque bill, Mr. Dunleavy said, was passed upon by the committee without detecting the flaw, or is it possible that that law was passed by that committee without detecting the flaw, or is it possible that

be pulled to pieces by a fifth-rate lawyer?"
"It is almost impossible to collect under that law. Who administers that law? I regret to say it is the lawyers. No red-coated or green-coated man can help you, for if the person upon whom he calls consults an attorney he can get advice that won't leave a speck of him together.

him together.

"There are different kinds of lawyers. The law provides that the surplus of the earnings after the obligations to the family-have been filled shall be distributed among the creditors. The lawyer must find out the wages of the man and how many mouths he has to feed. If he gets \$1.50 or \$2 a day and has six mouths to feed it is the duty of the lawyer to refrain from bringing action because he cannot succeed in the case.

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Among those present were:
Charles H. Steele, W. J. McCann, George F. Kellogg, Hartford, Ct.; C. H. Mulligan, J. F. Carman, J. F. Callanan, D. O. Gilmore, Charles A. Wright, Charles Conklin, William W. Warren, J. E. Dunleavy, Thomas E. King, D. A. Corple, William G. McKechnie, William K. Morris, C. H. Morris, W. Levy Pean, Al E. Mills, William H. King, A. E. Sheldon, A. G. Ford, Edmund T. King, J. W. Holian, E. J. King, John M. Sullivan, Michael A. Kirby, J. H. Houston, C. W. Taylor, F. A. Ruggles, T. R. Parsons, E. L. Murdough, G. T. Murdough, A. B. Roberts, J. M. Smith, A. L. Witherell, Luther J. Smith, James J. Callanan, A. E. Squiers, J. H. Bigelow, C. H. Dodd of Chicago; William J. Murray, Joseph B. Callanan, J. E. Steele, F. C. Hatch, James P. Clark, F. S. Burdick, J. L. Townsend, O. G. Fisk, Holyoke; J. L. Perkins, Holyoke; Frank J. Corcoran, Robert Porter, James Dillon, H. F. Craig, F. B. McLean, Alfred James, M. W. Mahaney, T. P. Walsh, G. H. Steinkahler, Fred R. Brown, Henry J. Perkins, E. A. Dexter, G. L. Stephenson, W. F. Young, A. G. Pease, Arthur A. Colwell, N. W. Fitch, Charles E. Lane, A. Bondi, W. C. Crouss, H. M. Baldwin, C. H. Goodwin, H. L. Norris, J. E. Triggs, H. L. Handy, George Nye, S. J. Collins, W. J. McCarthy, J. T. Kane, T. J. Foley, A. Wespiser, F. H. Burdett, S. R. Cole, W. A. Ford, C. A. Stone, L. F. Jenks, J. E. Riggin, John G. Maxfield, J. J. Shea, C. W. Hally, W. P. Sloan, F. F. Gesner, W. H. Pinney, T. Slade Gorton, J. J. Reed, George Jackson, W. W. Whittier, H. I. Carpenter, F. C. Vincent.

The Anti-Trading Stamp at Albasy.

The trading stamp bill is now before the New York Legislature. It is a sort of bipartisan bill; half for the marketman and half for the stamp concerns, in that it prohibits the sale or gift of stamps unless there is given to the person "the value thereof." The bill makes the issue of trading stamps to any person engaged in trade except upon the above condition a misdemeanor under the New York Penal Code.

Kansas After Trading Stamps.

The Kansas Legislature has taken up the trading stamp question in a practical manner. Representative Stevenson introduced a bill in the House last week to prohibit the sale of stamps by any company. The penalty fixed by the bill, if passed, will be anywhere from \$25 to \$500 in money, or the offender may be imprisoned for 30 to 90 days. The prohibitive clause of the act reads as follows: "Every person who shall in any manner engage in any gift enterprise or business by giving away any stamp, ticket, coupon or other device which entitles the purchaser to demand or receive from any person or corporation dealing in the goods purchased, any other property than that actually sold or exchanged, shall be be guilty of a misdemeanor."

New Shops.

Fuhrmann Bros, have opened a nice retail market on Railroad avenue, Greenwich, Conn. Otto Fuhrmann managed a market in New

J. M. Hutton of Gouverneur, N. Y., bas opened a new meat market in Wetmore's block, Castorland, N. Y.

W. E. Johnson and J. B. Smith, under the name of the Central Market Co., have opened a first-class meat and grocery business at 16 Broad street, Atlanta, Ga.

A. M. Moyer, of Silverdale, has opened a meat market on Chestnut street, Perkins, Pa.

Business Changes.

Cogswell, Eaton and Gay, meat dealers and packers at Corry, N. Y., have dissolved, O. P. Eaton and H. F. Gay retiring. Earl Brown enters the partnership with Henry Cogswell, and the two will continue the business. They are contractors for meat supplies to the Chautauqua grounds.

Orson and Hugh G. Williams (Williams Bros.) at Hinckly, N. Y., have purchased the meat business of C. Williams, who is a brother, at Remsen, N. Y. They have closed their market at Hinckly.

John Ward has succeeded to the meat market stand of Williams Bros. at Hinckly, N. Y., and he intends to do a strictly first-class trade.

E. L. Simonton has purchased the meat market of Young Brothers at Camden, Me. He is one of the old firm of Simonton & Gill. before the fire in Camden.

S. D. Fish has purchased the butcher shop of E. C. Frankhouser at Clarington, W. Va.



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THE SARDINE.

How the Little Fish Is Caught, Cured and Canned.

(From the London Mail.)

The 1898 sardine is now on the market.

The sardine fishing season commences at the beginning of June. As soon as the fishermen of the coast of Brittany notice shoals of porpoises or flocks of seagulls off shore in great numbers they immediately make sail, for the sardine is there.

A curious thing about this kind of fishing is that one rarely sees a living sardine out of the water. The fish make a little squeak when taken from the water and die instantly. Of the 250 or 300 fishing boats fitted out at Belle Isle about 200 belong to Palais and the others to Sauzon.

It is in these two ports that the fishermen sell their fish. An ordinary catch of sardines gives to each boat from 8,000 to 10,000 fish, and the price is regulated by the quantity brought in by the first comers. One dollar and twenty-five cents per 1,000 is a fair price.

During the sardine season about 300 women and fifty men anxiously await the arrival of the first boats. If there are no fish, there is no work for them. When the news arrives that the boats have their welcome cargoes, the women, in the picturesque costumes, rush to the cannery like a flock of frightened sheep, and each takes her place in the great where the fish undergo their first preparation.

Here the sardines are spread upon the table and sprinkled with salt. Then they are cleaned, and when that operation is finished they are sorted by little boys and carried into another part of the establishment, where they are put in pickle.

After this the fish are washed and placed, one by one, with great care upon wire nets, called "grills," and put out to dry in the open air. If the weather is wet or even foggy this operation becomes impossible, and the fish spoil and become worthless, except for fer

The tins in which the sardines are then packed are carried to the oiling-room, where the last manipulation consists of filling them with oil. It is in this part of the establishment that the tomato sauce and the spices are placed in the boxes which give to the French preparation of sardines their universal re-

In any one of the above important estab-lishments the sardines are prepared and ex-ported ten hours after coming out of the water. Gourmets should never eat newly pre-pared sardines. They have neither the per-fume nor the flavor of those which have lain in the boxes for a year.

The Fecundity of Swine.

The impression is prevalent among farmers that pure-bred swine are unprofitable for breeding purposes, as it is thought that as purity of breed increases fecundity decreases. The question of the fecundity of improved breeds of swine was investigated recently by the Indiana Station. The number of pigs farrowed and raised in the first and the last 200 litters recorded in the registers of Berkshire. Poland-China and Chester White pigs were compiled. In comparing the litters, 100 litters were selected in which the boars were recorded, and 100 in which the boars were recorded. The dates of farrowing of the first 200 litters varied through a number of years. The last 200 litters were almost all farrowed in 1896. The popular opinion was not confirmed by this investigation.

While there seems to be a reduction in the number of very large litters, the total number farrowed is about the same as shown by the first records.

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The number of boars and sows raised was as follows: Berkshire, 400 litters, 2.866 pigs. 1,498 boars, 1,368 sows: Poland-China, 1,000 litters, 6.542 pigs. 3.228 bears, 3,314 sows: Chester White, 600 litters, 4,555 pigs. 2,236 boars, 2,319 sows. In a total of 3,693 pigs farrowed, and all raised, there were 1,786 boars and 1,907 sows.

** Armour & Co. are building a new smokehouse in their house at Union street, Middletown, N. Y. The size of it is 10x12 feet and

35 feet long.

** M. J. Sullivan has bought the meat market of J. C. McBurney at Sandy Hill, N. To show that there is no hard feelings and that he likes both the new proprietor and the business, Mr. McBurney will remain behind the counter for Mr. Sullivan

** The Retail Butchers' Association of Albany, N. Y., had their annual banquet Thursday of last week. W. C. Fredenrich. president of the local association, presided and made a taking speech. Noah Harrison, president of the Schenectady association, was also present and made a telling speech. Covers were only laid for about forty, as Albany is not a very large city for a big association.

** Wallace Van Houte and Joel Smith of Nyack have opened a very nice meat market in the Odell building, on Main street, of Spring Valley, N. Y. They should do a satisfactory business.

** Mr. Pfeifer, who was lately with the Eastmans Company, is now no longer with this concern. He has been a good man.

** J. Keenan has opened a new butcher shop at 62 Columbus avenue. This neighborhood has a fair all round trade, but much of it requires to be watched. There have been many complaints of the "dead beat" in that section during the last year.

** C. Klotz opened his new shop at 395 Second avenue on Monday. He was formerly at 800 Amsterdam avenue, where his old stand was well known before he went out of business temporarily a while back,

We have been told that one of Cudahy's late branch managers read something in Holy Writ about it is "meat and drink," etc., so after giving up the "meat" end he has taken up the "drink" line by going into the saloon business. For fear the boys will rush him. his name is withheld.

** Moe Frank says that Thursday was the worst and slowest day, from a trade standpoint, that the small stock people have experienced in five years, Lent or no Lent.

** The Board of Health meat inspectors for the week condemned the following quantities of meats: Beef, 5,400 fb; sheep, 200 1b; mutton, 2,100 lb; 17 calves, 830 lb; veal, 5,400 fb; hogs, 7,528 fb, and 23 barrels poultry. 4,600 lb.

** W. B. Fox has been made manager of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Co.'s branch, at Pittsburg. Pa., in the place of R. Bradley.

** B. R. Scannel has been made manager of their branch at Cleveland, O., Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Co., Mr. Fox, the late manager, going to Pittsburg.

** Joe Beerman, whose butcher shop at 2d avenue, near 45th street, was so wellknown to the shopping public, has moved into the light, airy, new and nicely fitted market, at the northeast corner of 44th street and 2d avenue. Mr. Beerman can make a better display of his goods in this handsome shop and he can there better serve his trade. He made the change just before the bliz-

They Are Themselves Now.

Next week W. M. Terry & Co. of Stamford. Next week W. M. Terry & Co. of Stamford. Conn., will cease to be the consignors of Armour & Co. at that place. The company takes over their business and puts up their own sign. The Armour branch agency thus becomes Armour & Co. Mr. Smith, from Chicago, will manage this important branch. He will find the butchers of this Connecticut town a nice lot to deal with.

Pork Kidneys for Lambs'.

A very wealthy, retired meat man who made his fortune in the butcher business and who is considered to be a connoisseur of things in the meat line, walked into an East Side wholesale box, this week, and asked for lambs' kidneys. Of course, lambs' kidneys are not pulled out these days. The shrewd seller at once "tumbled" to the prey and said:

"There's a nice lot for you, at a bargain." "They're rather large, ain't they, lambs?" queried the retired butcher.

"Well, you know, lambs are big now."

"Sure. How much are they?"

The price was told him.

"All right, send them up. They are fine." The pork kidneys were duly delivered and paid for with thanks. These young fellows know some, too.

Making Improvements.

Next week the well-known small stock concern of J. M. & P. Scanlan at Fortieth street and Eleventh avenue, intend putting in a 25ton refrigerator, which will be one of the finest of its class. This, we believe, is but the beginning of extensive improvements which this firm will inaugurate and carry out during the next twelve or eighteen months. If the plans of the concern are carried out according to present intentions the "revised" place will be the result of very many important changes upon the present equipment and accommodations of their plant as now oper-

The Death of Mr. Cochrane.

The trade was sorry to hear of the sad death of Mr. Samuel Cochrane, who was a member of the Small Stock Company, of A. Vanderbeck's Son & Co., at 45th street and 1st avenue. Mr. Cochrane was buried on the 11th lnst. He was highly respected by the trade.

A New Small Stock Company.

Joe Kann, late with Nelson Morris & Co., and formerly at the West Harlem Market, has formed a popular partnership with Hardy Rodman to slaughter small stock. This new firm will occupy the premises used by the late United Veal and Mutton Comby the late United Veal and Mutton Company, at 44th street and 1st avenue. This concern should be a popular one. Mr. Kann is no stranger to the trade, which has known him for many years. Mr. Rodman was treasurer of his late company. The old customers of that concern know him well and favorably, so that all of the old customers of his company have to do is to step up and go right on with business. Preliminary slaughtering is now going on. The old United Veal lease expires next Tuesday. After that the shingle of the new company will go up. Messrs. Kann and Rodman will bring energy, stability and popularity to this new Small Stock concern. We always wish a new ship a good wind and a "speedy headway."

A Business Man said:

"For economy's sake I had done without the telephone service until lately. I had it put in less than a year ago. Now I would not give it up for Five Hundred Dollars a Year."

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Mortgages, Bills of Sale and Business Record

Butcher, Fish and Oyster Fixtures.

The fellowing Chattel Mertgages and Bills of Sale have been recorded up to Friday, February 24, 1899:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN. Mortgages.

Albrechtsen, Henry, 457 6th Ave., near 9th Ave.; to Nat. Cash Reg. Co. (filed Feb. 18)

HUDSON COUNTY, N. J. Mortgages.

Kinsey, James; to Armonr Packing Co. \$500 Bills of Sale.

Kittelman, Gustav; to Elizabeth Kittelman \$100

Grocer, Delicatessen, Hotel and Restaurant Fixtures.

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BOROUGH OF MANHAT FAN.

Mortgages. Kohl, A., 751/2 Catherine St.; to J. Silverman (filed Feb. 17) Neuwirth, L., 135 Prince St.; to G. Sternecker (filed Feb. 17) Gildersleeve & Peck, 108 W. 16th St.; to G. A. Dowden (filed Feb. 17)..... Durner, F. C., 344 W. 25th Sa.; to M. Hoffman (filed Feb. 17) Morgan, L., 2401 8th Ave.; to G. L. Far-nell (filed Feb. 21) Weigand, A. C., 180 6th Ave.; to C. Blugart (filed Feb. 21)
Garton, M., 177 Rivington St.; to N. Horenstein (filed Feb. 21) Wolf, J. H., 137 Grand st.; to J. Polin (Filed Feb. 23)..... (Filed Feb. 23).
Weinberger, Ed., 31 2d ave.; to F. Regina (Filed Feb. 23).
Bills of Sale.

Reisse, C. W., Jerome Ave. and 177th St.; to H. Koehler & Co. (filed Feb. 17) 817 Johns, R. C., 730 8th Ave.; to Mary E. Johns (filed Feb. 18) Stern, Max, 504 W. 34th St.; to Helen Stern (filed Feb. 18) Cosenzo, Mary, 855 9th ave.; to John Cosenzo (Filed Feb, 23)..... Lange, C., 833 Columbus ave.; to M. Urban (Filed Feb. 23)..... Levine, M. & H., 2174 3d ave.; to J. Bass (Filed Feb. 23).

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Mortgages. Morello, Mike, 550 Smith St.; to Simpson, Sibbett & Simpson (filed Feb. 20). \$585 Soehl, Charles, 2737 Fulton St.; to Christian Beekman (filed Feb. 17)......1,297

John Quinlan has bought the meat business of John J. Simpson at 107 West Main street. Meriden, Conn.

BUSINESS RECORD.

CONNECTICUT-D. F. Wiley, Hampton, meats; sold out .- John J. Simpson, Meriden, meat market; discontinued .-Mrs. Hannah Horton, et al., Meriden, meat market; R. E. mortg. \$300.—James Dawson, Jr., Norwich, meat market; attached.

ILLINOIS-O. H. Schutt, Chicago, market; assigned .- Wm. Elwarner, Indianapolis, meats, etc.; R. E. mortg. \$920; R. E. deed \$380.

KANSAS.-Joe Retchiff, meats; sold out .- C. A. Pease & Son, Lawrence, meats, etc.; moved to Kansas City.

MAINE-Smith & Carroll, Biddeford, restaurant; sold out .- Daniel Goodwin & Son, Kennebunkport, market; Daniel Goodwin, dead .- Waterville Creamery Co., Waterville, mfrs. butter, etc.; damaged by fire. -Daniel Daley, Rockland, restaurant;

MARYLAND-John C. Boyle Co. (not inc.), Baltimore; incorporated under style John Boyle Co.; oyster, etc., packers. Adam E. Kirchner, Baltimore, provisions; released R. E. mortg. \$2,200.

MASSACHUSETTS-The Norfolk Mfg. Co., Norfolk, soap mfrs.; injured by fire. William H. Stevenson & Co., Boston, provisions, etc.; William H. Stevenson assigned. Tappan P. Rogers, Taunton, provisions; assigned .- Broderick & Co., Cambridge, provisions, etc.; Edward T. Broderick, individually, chatl. mortg. \$1,500.—H. F. Gregoire & Co., Cambridge, provisions; chatl. mortg. \$500, March 15, 1898, discharged.—M. Boulay & Son, Fall River, provisions; Michael Boulay, individually, R. E. mortg. \$500. -Davis & Tish, Fall River, provisions; voluntary petition in bankruptey.—Hubert Theriault et al., Fall River, provisions, etc.; R. E. mortg. \$588.—H. J. Kendrick, Greenfield, meat; chatl. mortg. \$625,---Sarah E. Clark, Lynn, provisions; filed certificate to do business.- Ernest L. Bliss, Springfield, restaurant; chatl. mortg. \$750 .- Martin F. Henrahan, Tauton, provisions; sold R. E.

MICHIGAN-A. L. Bach (Mrs. Martin). Crystal Falls, meat, etc.; succeeded by John Tufts Co .- Frank Huttan, Detroit, meats, etc.; sold out .- Charles A. Stetson, Flint, hides, etc.; mortg. \$750.

NEW JELSEY-John H. Stockton, Lambertsville, restaurant; succeeded by Charles

NEW YORK-Herman Schnorr, Gasport, meat market; succeeded by August Kimckey. -Charles A. Schintzius. Buffalo, butcher and wholesale meats; realty mortg. \$1. Jay G. Wortman, Ithaca, market; chatl. mortg. \$1,013.—L. Starr Wortman, Ithaca, market; judgts. \$1,013.

OHIO-Jacob Kissel, Lima, meat; deed

PENNSYLVANIA-J. M. McCarthy. Kane, restaurant; succeeded by A. W. Hamm .- Hershberger Bros., Saxton, butchers; dissolved; succeeded by Hershberger & Simmons .- O. P. Kostenbander, Catawissa, butcher; execution on judgment \$137. Washington Butcher Co., Philadelphia, wholesale provisions; assigned.——O'Dea & Scanlan, Wilkesbarre, meat; judgts. \$607.

RHODE ISLAND-Abram A. Tilley, Newport. meat; R. E. mortg. \$4,000. UTAH-Robert Blamire, Kaysville, meat;

sold out. VERMONT-Clark & McFarland, Barton, provisions; dissolved.

WASHINGTON-Brown & Matson, Spokane, meat; dismissed; succeeded by Brown

WEST VIRGINIA-Law & Powell, Clarksburg, butchers; dissolved.

AMONG THE ASSOCIATIONS.

The Retail Butchers' and Grocers' Association of Port Huron and Sarnia, Mich., invited the merchants of Detroit, Saginaw, Jackson and Mount Clemens over last Thursday night as their guests and royally entertained those who accepted the invitation. Speeches were made by the leading members of the local association and by the prominent guests of the visiting delegations

The Butchers' Union of Louisville, Ky., last eek presented its oldest member, Charles Rehm, of Hamilton avenue, with a beautiful medal as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow craftsmen. The members serenaded him. Then Sebastian Weisbach made the presentation in a neat and happy speech. Mr. Rehn, who is just out from an illness, returned thanks for this graceful compliment to him.

National Secretary Daniel J. Haley of the Retail Butchers' Protective Association, in relation to the present meat fight of the marketmen of Cleveland, Ohio, against the Cleveland Provision Co., writes as follows:

"We make the contention that it is against sound business principles for the wholesaler, in any line of business, to come in direct competition with his own trade, and we have had this concession given us by almost every large meat concern in the country. Now, it was in line with this policy that we asked of the Cleveland Provision Co. to also grant this request. No more, no less. They made the claim that they only sold pork at retail, and as the selling of pork is as important as any other part of our business it would be manifestly inconsistent on our part to ask of such firms as Armour, Swift, Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, Hammond, Morris and other concerns that do business in all parts of the United States this concession and still maintain friendly business relations with the Cleveland Provision Co., who would reserve the right to retail pork. This article, they admit, is the big end of their business. The Cleveland Provision Co. are in error when they make the assertion that we dictated to them how they should conduct their business; we merely asked of them concessions such as we asked of and had been granted universally by all of the large meat concerns of the country, and when they do not care to do business with us on that basis we reserve our privilege and right to transfer our trade to houses that are willing to do business more in conformity with what we consider our best interests as retailers."

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The national organizer, John H. Schofield, of the Retail Butchers' Protective Association, has formed an association at Wichita. Kan. It is known as the Wichita Retail Butchers Protective Association. No. 2. After organizing. the following officers were elected: President, W. H. Keichner; first vice-president, B. F. Dawson; second vice-president, C. E. Parkhurst; secretary, L. F. Smith: treasurer, H. O. Heller: sergeant-at-arms, Charles Demar; trustees, V. J. Hunter, E. E. Whitlock, John R. Locke. The butchers becoming charter members are: C. E. Parkhurst, Theodore Paul, Horace M. Howard, Matt Bohr, James T. Wilson, E. E. Whitlock, Charles Demar, Joseph Stewart, John R. Locke, B. L. Whitlock, C. A. Frankenfield, V. J. Hunter, Dye Bros., H. O. Heller, B. F. Dawson, W. H. Kelchner, E. Hoiles, George M. Litzenberg, L. F. Smith, Dan V. Grimes, Fred Handley, H. Schrieve.

A Creditable Association.

The Johnstown (N. Y.) Retail Butchers' Association over there at the gate of the Adirondacks is in a very prosperous condition. The butchers in this healthy organization entertain the kindest feeling toward each other. These associated marketmen are striving to make an honest livelihood by straight business methods, hoping thereby to attain Success.

This healthy and flattering condition is a direct fruit of sincere, earnest work. Such a result cannot but be gratifying to Edward O'Neil, the energetic secretary of this association, which is a member of the New York State Association. The important concern of John P. O'Neil & Son at 144 Main street, Johnstown, of which the association's popular secretary is a member, is well known in that beautiful part of New York State.



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Chicago Live Stock Notes. (See page 18 also.)

Carloads of live stock received here last week, 5,706, against 4,543 the previous week. 5,983 a year ago, and 5,700 two years ago.

The 199,793 hogs received at the Chicago stockyards last week averaged 229 lbs. Average the previous week, 224 lbs.; a month ago, 230 lbs.; two months ago, 240 lbs.; a year ago, 227 lbs.; two years ago and three years ago, 239 lbs.

Shipments last week were: Cattle 14.815. hogs 55,081, sheep 7,272, against 11,226 cat-tle, 39,468 hogs, 3,275 sheep the previous week, 21,800 cattle, 41,809 hogs, 11,168 sheep the corresponding week of 1898, and 17,047 cattle, 40,148 hogs, 7,160 sheep the corresponding week of 1897.

Receipts of live stock here last week were: Cattle, 47.334; hogs, 200,533; sheep, 68,191, against 38,892 cattle, 147,613 hogs, 83,571 sheep the previous week, 57,301 cattle, 178,-527 hogs, 73,388 sheep the corresponding 527 hogs, week of 1898 and 47,845 cattle, 187,427 hogs. 62,566 sheep the corresponding week of 1897.

Hogs packed at Chicago last week, 162,900. against 121,200 the previous week and 136,000 a year ago. Armour slaughtered 33,000; Anglo-American, 10,100; Boyd & Lunham, 6,000; Chicago, 10,400; Continental, 8,700; Hammond, 7,600; International. 10,500; Lipton, 8,100; Morris, 7,000; Swift, 30,500; Viles & Robbins, 20,000, and city butchers, 11,000,

Friday's Closings.

COTTON OIL.

Reports from Germany are that there is an agitation there over materially advancing the duty on cottonseed oil, with much the same object as that recently imputed to France, and on the agitation of its Agrarian interests, while there are reports here that orders have come from Germany to hurry along shipments of oil in order to get it forward before any possibility of new duty The market in New York for to-day (Friday) is simply steady, and in no way showing features different from those outlined in our review.

TALLOW.

Further sales of city, in hhds, have been Further sales of city, in hhds, have been 50 hhds. at 4½c. to the home trade, and to-day (Friday) 100 hhds. for export at 4½c. Besides 250 hhds. go in to the home trade, on contacts, at 4½. This makes 800 hhds. city taken up for the week, which absorbs the accumulations and the market is now quite steady at 4½ bid. City edible is offered at 5½c.

OLEO STEARINE.

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Later, has sold %c, lower in New York, with 50,000 pounds obtained at 5%c.

LARDS.

Ohoice prime steam a	5 25
	5 17%
Neutral 7 a	7 %
Compound 4 a	436
STEARINES.	
Oleo-stearines 5% a	634
OILS.	
Lard oil, Extra	43-44
" No. 1	33-34
* No.1	
" No 1	-26
Oleo oil, "Extra"	89 %
Neatsfoot Oil, Pure424	
" Extra	
" No 1	28
Tallow Oil	36
TALLOW.	
Packers' Prime	- 410
No. 2	# # 2g
Edible Tailows	
GREASES.	
Brown	8 25
Yellow 27	A 3
White, A3%	a 35a
" B	a 8%
Bone	a 8%
BUTCHERS' FAT.	
Rough shop fat	a 144
Inferior or black fat	. 2
fuet	. 3
Shep Bones, per 100 lbs	a 30
COTTONSEED OIL.	
P. S. Y., in tanks	2214
Orude, "	20 %
Butter oil, barrels	29 %
FERTILIZER MARKET.	- /8
PEKTILIZEK MAKKET.	
Dried blood, per unit a 1.57 %	
Hoof meal, per unit a 1.40	
Concent tankage, 15 to 16 n.c. b. unit, 1.40	
Unground tankage, 10 to 11 p.c. per ton. a16.00	
Unground tankage, 9 & 20 p.o.per ton. a14.25	
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Tenderleins		13	ä
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Trimmings		4	ė
Boston butts		4	ė
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2,000 lbs 85	00
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Horns, 74 os. and over, steers, 1st quality \$150 00-190	00
" 74-54 os. and und ." " 100 60-150	00
" No. 3 50 00- 90	00
Gluestock, Dry. per 100 lbs 3 00- 8	00
" Wet, " 1 80- 3	
Hair tails, per pos 3-31c	

BUTCHERS' FAT.

Ordinary shop tat	a 25
"Suct, fresh and heavy	a 434
Shop bones, per cwt	a 50

SHEEPSKINS

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GREEN CALFSKINS.

MO. I DETER	4.0
No. 2 8kins	13
No. 1 Buttermilk Skins	13
No 2 Buttermilk Skins	11
Heavy No. 1 Kips, 18 lbs. and over	2.28
Heavy No. 2 Kips, 17 lbs. and over	2.00
Light No. 1 Kips, 14 to 18 lbs	1.90
Light No. 2 Kips, 14 to 18 lbs	1.65
Branded Kips, heavy	1.88
Light Branded Kips	1 00
Kips, Ticks, heavy	1.78
" " light	1.28
Branded C S	78

SALTPETRE.

Crude		 		 4	84 54
Refined-Granuk	ated	 	******	 436	a 4%
Crystal	ls	 		 434	& 8 %
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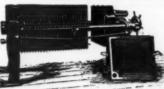
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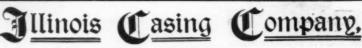
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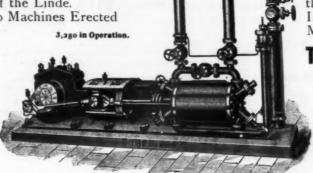
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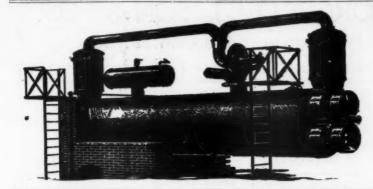
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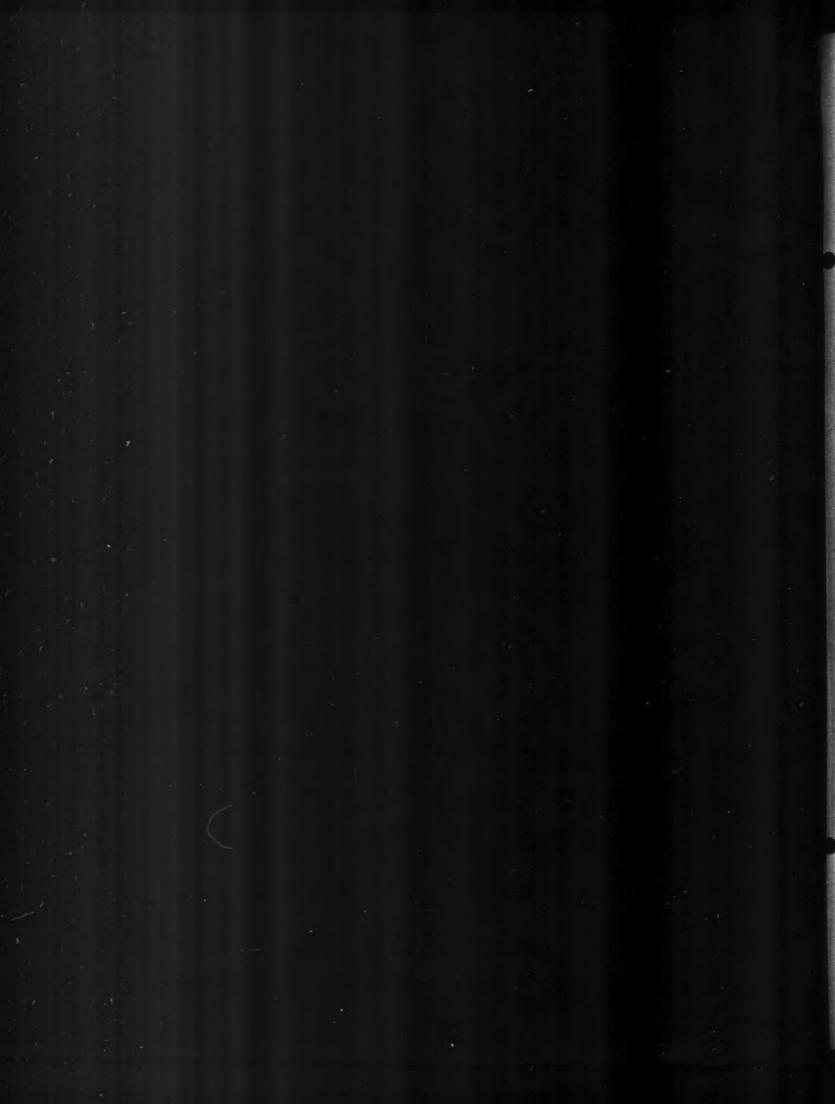
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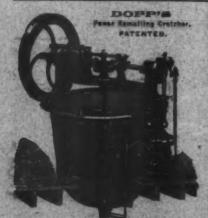
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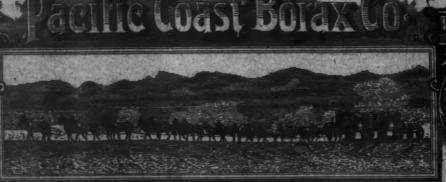
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